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FOR THE FAMILY

AND

FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

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PREFACE.

The need of a book of family prayers is self-evident, and the history of the Reformed Church shows that our people have always used such books of devotion.

The need of a new book of family prayers at this time is equally plain. Good books prepared years ago seem to have served their generation; and now without any reflection on the past something better suited to present wants is demanded.

A prayer book, like any other church book, should meet the wants of those for whom especially it is prepared. It may not be easy to say definitely just what are the distinctive and peculiar wants of a denomination in this regard, but one readily feels the presense or the absence of a certain life and spirit in a book of devotion, which tone makes it acceptable or otherwise.

Such a volume of suitable family prayers of necessity is a compilation from many sources; and such compilation is a real merit, for no wise

man would attempt to prepare so many prayers from his own limited resources.

Grateful acknowledgment is here made of many helps used in this volume. In a few cases the prayers were taken bodily, while others were modified and recast, and occasionally only a single paragraph or even a sentence was used.

Printed prayers are often too long and too wordy, at least for this day and generation. Shortness and conciseness are real aids to devotion, and we trust that this merit is found here. These prayers contain much in little; but there is no attempt to ask the Lord for everything in each prayer. Indeed we do well if we rightly ask Him for everything in many prayers. Some repetition surely must be expected, but the effort was to reduce it to a minimum.

It should be well understood that these prayers are simply helps and guides. There is much in every Christian family life that is not set down here. There are many experiences of joy and sorrow, of doubt and fear, of suffering and confession, of anxiety and temptation, of distressing disappointment and sore visitation, which demand special expression in the family prayer. A baptism or confirmation, a special season of the church year and many similar

matters call for notice at the family altar. Therefore in every family prayer in this volume room has been left, a place has been noted, where devout souls will find joy and comfort in adding such thanksgiving, confession, petition and intercession as will meet the want of the hour.

Prayers for four weeks may seem sufficient, and any one of these may be shortened; but to meet certain wants shorter prayers for eight days have been added.

Where family worship is held only once a day it will be an easy matter, with a little change of wording, to use both the morning and the evening prayers and so to have still greater variety.

A number of prayers for the festival seasons will be found under the head of Festival Prayers, and also some for various other occasions will be found under the head of Special Prayers.

As a help in the family worship selections from the Scriptures are given. All Scripture is profitable; but some parts are more profitable than others for family worship, and hence these selections. These might have been made more or less, but a daily reading for one year seemed enough.

These selections must of necessity be short and cover but a part of the Bible, and even this

in a very broken order. Therefore to this reading in the family worship should be added the daily reading of the Scriptures by each individual for himself. We are Protestants and we make great account of the Bible as a book to be in the hand of every Christian; and yet it is a painful fact that comparatively few Protestants have read the Bible through even once. It should be read as any other book is read, in large parts at a time, whole books if possible. Large as the Bible seems, you can readily read it in less than one hundred hours; and so, reading with regularity, as you do other things, you can easily read it through once every year.

This book of family prayers is now offered to our people in the hope that it may greatly increase the spirit and habit of daily meditation and prayer in our families, and also that it may help parents to lead their families in a devout and comforting worship.

To prepare a work of this kind is a tender office. Surely it is a sacred thing to lead the children of God into the holy place and to put words upon their lips worthy to be spoken to the great King. May God graciously accept this effort to help his people in their sacrifice of prayer and praise.

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First Week.

Safely through another week
  God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek,
  Waiting in his courts today;
Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest.

While we pray for pardoning grace,
  Through the dear Redeemer's name,
Show thy reconciled face,
  Take away our sin and shame;
From our worldly cares set free,
May we rest this day in Thee.

Here we come thy name to praise;
  May we feel thy presence near;
May thy glory meet our eyes,
  While we in thy house appear;
Here afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

May thy gospel's joyful sound
  Conquer sinners, comfort saints;
Make the fruits of grace abound,
  Bring relief for all complaints;
Thus may all our Sabbaths prove,
Till we join the Church above.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who by thy mercy hast brought us to the light of another day, even a day of the Son of Man, enable us by thy grace to keep it holy. Give us the spirit of true devotion. Do Thou help our infirmities, teaching us how to unburden our hearts before Thee. By thy word make us deeply to feel our ignorance, our sinfulness and all our need, that we may come with sincere desire and comforting hope to thy throne of grace.

O blessed Saviour, deliver us this day from wandering thoughts and from an unbelieving heart, and enable us by thy grace to join humbly and earnestly in the service of thy sanctuary.

Fulfil thy gracious promise, O Lord, to meet and to bless those who come together in thy name, and do Thou give us grace and strength, peace and comfort, while we wait upon Thee.

Help us to love the habitation of thy house and the place where thine honor dwelleth, and do Thou make all the means of grace to be to our souls as showers that water the earth. Help us to continue in all things that are written in

the book of the law to do them, growing in grace and knowledge, that we may believe unto the saving of the soul.

Be with all thy ministering servants this day, appointed to preach the word of life. Fill them with light and love, with holy wisdom and zeal, that their words may come to us with power; and do Thou also open our hearts to receive all this truth, our faith being mixed with what we hear.

Our heavenly Father, make this day rich in blessing to many souls, in the awakening of sinners and in the refreshment of thine own people. Gather into thy Church, O Lord, from Jews and Gentiles, at home and in heathen lands, many who shall be saved. Let the light of thy truth shine upon all lands, and so let thy kingdom come until the whole earth shall be filled with thy glory.

Bless all our rulers and lead them in right ways. Grant peace and prosperity not only to our own people but also to all the nations of the earth.

O God, the fountain of all truth and grace, who hast called us out of darkness into marvelous light by the glorious gospel of thy Son, grant us power, we beseech Thee, to walk

worthy of this vocation, with all lowliness and meekness, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that we may have our fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now, O Lord, we commit ourselves to thy care for this day. Hold Thou up our goings in thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Enable us by thy grace in word and deed to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. May our light so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify Thee. Hear us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Most gracious God, we come to Thee this night with humble confession of our many sins, yet trusting in Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

Lord, forgive our vain thoughts, our idle words, our hasty tempers, our wasted time, our unused talents, our forgetfulness and our neglect—O Lord, we cannot number them. Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. In infinite mercy pardon us, for Christ's sake. Do Thou cleanse and heal our souls, and enable us to live before Thee as thy forgiven and accepted children, rejoicing in blessed sonship.

Our heavenly Father, we praise thy name for thy care over us throughout this day; and we bless Thee for the love and mercy which have followed us all our life-long. We thank Thee for all thy providence, for sorrow and joy, for sickness and health, for thy patience with us through all our wanderings and for thy grace that has upheld us in all our weakness. We bless Thee, the Lord, and gratefully remember all thy benefits.

Thy fatherly hand has been upon us this day for good. We have rejoiced before Thee in the blessed communion of thy saints. We have worshiped toward thy holy hill. We thank Thee, O Lord, for the sacred things of this day, for what our eyes have seen and our ears have heard and our hearts have felt of thy mercy and grace, in the privileges of thy house and in the quiet of our home. O let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight.

Let thy blessing rest upon the services of this day, and hear Thou the prayers of thy suppliant people. Make thy word powerful in all hearts; and send thy gospel into all lands, until thy kingdom shall have fully come.

Bless our congregation in all its interests and activities. Help us all to be useful in our various relations and stations; and grant that every day we may more and more faithfully serve Thee and desire to glorify Thee.

We pray for thy blessing upon all men. Restore the sick, have mercy on the dying, enlighten the ignorant, call back the erring and draw all men unto Thyself.

O gracious God, so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom,

spending each as if it were our last and ever hoping in thy mercy unto everlasting life.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now that the day groweth to an end we would lie down to rest in thy name. Accept our prayers and confirm us in our holy, undoubted, Christian faith. O Thou Sun of righteousness, shine upon our souls and make us joyful in Thee.

Our Father, etc.

5 L. M.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high;
And as thy glory fills the sky,
So let it be on earth displayed,
Till Thou art here, as there, obeyed.

O God, my heart is fixed; 't is bent
Its thankful tribute to present;
And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise
To Thee, my God, in songs of praise.

Thy praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the listening nations round;
Thy mercy highest heaven transcends;
Thy truth beyond the clouds extends.

MONDAY MORNING.

O Lord our God, who hast appointed days for rest and days for labor, we bless Thee that Thou dost permit us to enter upon another week in circumstances of mercy and peace. We offer ourselves anew to thy holy service which is perfect freedom. We are not our own, but belong both in body and soul, in life and in death to Thee our Maker, Redeemer and Sanctifier. May our whole life and conversation be a song of gratitude and praise for thine infinite goodness and mercy.

We humbly confess, O Lord, that we are poor sinners, unable by nature to keep thy holy laws and precepts. Thou must work in us both to will and to do according to thy good pleasure. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the powerful aid of thy Holy Spirit, that He may lead us into all truth and holiness; and do Thou so fit us by thy heavenly grace for the duties of this day and week that we may begin, continue and end all our works in Thee. Control our thoughts, words and actions, that they all may be instruments of righteousness to thy praise.

O Lord, enlighten our understandings, that we may know Thee; sanctify our affections, that we may love Thee; and put thy fear into our hearts, that we may dread to offend Thee. Convince us thoroughly, O Lord, of the great evil of sin, that we may hate it and endeavor in all things to obey thy blessed will and to walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Give us, we beseech Thee, the power of faith which overcometh the world, the flesh and the Devil. Fill our hearts with supreme love to God and charity to our fellow men. Make us thankful in prosperity and patient in adversity. Keep before our eyes continually the cross of Christ, as the true source of strength and our only safeguard against evil thoughts and desires. Direct our minds, in the midst of our earthly labors, to the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness. Suffer not our affections to dwell below and to be set upon the vanities of this present evil world. O give us contentment of heart and a childlike trust in Thee.

Extend thy compassion to all that labor under affliction. Send relief to those that are in want, ease those that are in pain and give deliverance

to the oppressed and persecuted, especially to those who suffer for righteousness' sake.

Establish, O Lord, and greatly enlarge the borders of thy Church; and may the knowledge of thy name and the consolations of thy grace soon fill all lands and all hearts.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We humbly commend ourselves and all our affairs this day to thy blessing and protection. Defend us from all evil and from the fear and dread of it. More especially keep us from the evil of sin and the assaults of our spiritual enemies. And let thy goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

L. M.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

MONDAY EVENING.

Most gracious and merciful God, we give Thee thanks that it hath pleased Thee to add another day to the years of our life, and that none of thy judgments, which we justly deserve, have fallen upon us.

With deep humility, O holy Lord God, we confess our many sins. We acknowledge our infirmities, which cause us to fall far short of being wholly devoted to Thee, and our remaining depravity which ever wars against thy sanctifying grace in our souls.

O God, infinite in mercy, pardon our sins of the day past, which we have committed through negligence, weakness and frailty, whether in thought, word or deed, and grant that they may never rise up in judgment against us.

Keep it ever in our hearts that it is an evil thing and bitter to forsake and offend the Lord our God. Above all things restrain us from wilful and deliberate sins, that we may never grieve thy Spirit nor provoke Thee to give us over to our own ways.

Impress us with a due sense of the shortness of our mortal life, that we may make a right use of our time as it passes, spending it in thy fear and to thy glory; and help us never to abuse thy long-suffering and patience. Especially as we know not the number of our days nor the hour when Thou shalt call us away, help us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to redeem the present hour while the day lasts. Help us to keep in view our latter end; and in the hour of death and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

O Thou preserver of all, have mercy on all conditions of men. From thy fulness provide for the destitute; by thy power heal the sick; by thy Holy Spirit comfort the suffering and sorrowing; by thy restoring grace raise the fallen; and by thy voice of love and mercy call back such as have wandered from Thee. Help, O Lord, and save all who feel their need of thy grace.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O God, all powerful, take us this night under thy protection. Let our weary nature be refreshed by quiet sleep: and by thy grace and providence bring us at last through all the trials

and temptations of this world to a blessed end, that so we may die in peace, rest in hope and rise to glory.

Our Father, etc.

8 11s. & 5.

Praise ye the Father for his loving kindness;
Tenderly cares He for his erring children;
Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,
Praise ye Jehovah.

Praise ye the Saviour; great is his compassion;
Graciously cares He for his chosen people;
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,
Praise ye the Saviour.

Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;
Praise ye the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise ye the triune God!

TUESDAY MORNING.

Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the mercy that has spared us from the dangers of the night and that has permitted us to begin a new day. We praise thy name for all thy great goodness.

Continue thy mercy toward us, we beseech Thee. Uphold us lest we fall. Help us to turn away from all sin in heart and in life and to love only what Thou dost love. Help us to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Thee, our God. Make us watchful, that we enter not into temptation, and do Thou fill us with holy thoughts and desires. Give us a meek and loving spirit, and enable us always to act as becomes thy disciples. Hold Thou us up and we shall be safe.

Keep us this day in thy fear and favor. Order all our steps and prosper us in that which we set our hand unto in thy name, that all our goings may be to thy praise. In prosperity help us to be thankful, in adversity help us to be patient, and for what is yet future help us to put our firm

trust in Thee, our faithful God and Father, knowing that Thou wilt make all things work together for the good of thy people.

Grant us thy guidance in all that we do. Counsel us with thy wisdom and keep us evermore in right ways. Thus may we ever know the blessedness of those who joyfully wait for thy coming to judge the world.

We poor sinners confess, O Lord, that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word and deed; wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Have mercy upon us and for his sake forgive all our sins. By thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of thy will and true obedience to thy word, to the end that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We pray for thy sorrowing ones. Comfort them as Thou alone canst. Give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

O Lord, bless thy holy Church in all the world. Keep her pure in doctrine and strong in faith. Endue thy ministers with power from on high, and make thy salvation known to all men.

Bless our nation, and help us as a people to fear Thee, working righteousness. Bless all in authority over us. Give them wisdom and a godly mind, that they may be a blessing to our land.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our feeble petitions, for the sake of Him in whose name we pray, saying:

Our Father, etc.

C. M. D.

The God of mercy be adored,
  Who calls our souls from death,
Who saves by his redeeming word
  And new-creating breath;
To praise the Father and the Son,
  And Spirit all divine,
The One in Three and Three in One,
  Let saints and angels join.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls. We cry unto Thee daily, O Thou that hearest prayer. We would draw near unto Thee with our whole heart, trusting in thine infinite mercy in Christ Jesus. We confess our unworthiness, for we have this day sinned. Our thoughts have wandered, our hearts have gone astray, our faith has been weak, our love has been cold; O have mercy upon us and accept us, we beseech Thee, in Him, lifting upon us the light of thy countenance and filling us with joy and peace in believing.

Remember in mercy, we beseech Thee, thy Church militant. Let her ministers be clothed with righteousness and her priests with salvation. Build up her desolations, restore her disorders, heal her divisions, and grant unto her prosperity, safety, unity and peace.

Send forth thy light and thy truth unto the ends of the earth. Cause the glorious gospel of thy grace to be proclaimed among all nations, and powerfully incline the hearts of men everywhere to hear and obey the joyful sound.

We pray for all estates of men in Christian lands; for kings, princes and governors and for the people committed to their charge and care; especially for thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth and for all the rulers of this land and nation. Make us a righteous people, serving Thee in quietness and peace.

O God, to whom belong both power and mercy, and who renderest to every man according to his work, give us grace, we beseech Thee, ever to seek those things which are well-pleasing in thy sight, that we may pass through the world as pilgrims and strangers, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the second coming of the Lord Jesus, when He shall come to be glorified in his saints and admired in all them that believe, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now, almighty God, who givest thine angels charge over us, to keep us in all our ways, we will lie down in peace and take our rest in thy name, O Lord, who only makest us to dwell

in safety. Keep us from all harm, refresh us with wholesome sleep, raise us up again to praise thy name and bring us at last to life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

461 C. M.

To Zion's hill I lift mine eyes,
  From thence expecting aid,
From Zion's hill and Zion's God,
  Who heav'n and earth has made.

Thou, then, my soul in safety rest,
  Thy guardian will not sleep;
His watchful care that Israel guards
  Will thee in safety keep.

Sheltered beneath th' Almighty's wings,
  Thou shalt securely rest;
Where neither sun nor moon shall thee
  By day or night molest.

At home, abroad, in peace, in war,
  Thy God shall thee defend,
Conduct thee through life's pilgrimage
  Safe to thy journey's end.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Thou shepherd of Israel, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, under thy providential care we have rested securely during another night, for which we now render Thee our humble and unfeigned thanks. We have slept and awaked, and lo, Thou art still with us, and we are yet among the living to praise Thee. Blessed be thy holy name forever and ever.

Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning we will direct our prayer unto Thee and will look up. Thou hast a delight in all that call upon Thee, and wilt bless such as are of a humble and contrite heart, encompassing them with favor as with a shield. O let the same power and goodness which have been over us during the night attend us throughout all this day, that no evil may befall us.

Grant us grace to begin this day in thy fear and to end it to thy glory. We are weak, be Thou our strength. We are ignorant and do easily err, be Thou our light and our guide. We

are prone to thoughtlessness and vanity, keep us mindful, we entreat Thee, of death and of that great day in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words and actions, to the end that we may live soberly, righteously and godly in this present evil world.

O Thou omniscient and holy Lord God, we humbly confess before Thee our sins. Have mercy upon us and grant us thy pardon and peace. Create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us. Make us by a true faith partakers of Christ and all his benefits. Comfort us and abide with us forever.

O Lord, as Thou hast called us to be useful to each other and to the generation in which we live, grant us grace to go forth to our daily duties with cheerfulness and in humble dependence on thy help. Bless Thou our labors, O Lord, and establish upon us the work of our hands, that so we may live for one another and above all for Thee, until Thou shalt call us to rest in thy heavenly kingdom.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Bless us as a family and grant us all grace to love and to fear Thee. Be merciful to all who

are in any trouble or affliction. O God of pity, administer to them help and comfort according to their several necessities, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

118 C. M.

O, for a thousand tongues to sing
  My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
  The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
  Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
  The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that calms our fears,
  That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music to my ravished ears,
  'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin,
  He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
  His blood availed for me.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Our Father in heaven, in thy great mercy Thou hast brought us to the close of another day, and with unfeigned gratitude we bring unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise.

Most gracious and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity and hast promised mercy and forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins, we come before Thee with a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous law in thought, in word and in deed. We have every day done those things which Thou hast forbidden and left undone those things which Thou hast commanded, so that when we look upon our past lives and remember that Thou knowest our most secret sins, we are afraid of thy judgments and ashamed to lift up our eyes unto Thee. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner but rather that he should live, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in thy Son, Jesus Christ, and for the merits of his sufferings be Thou merciful

unto us and grant us the full and free forgiveness of our sins.

Help us, O Lord, to possess our souls in patience amidst all the changes of this mortal life. Give us a cheerful faith, a joyful hope and a peaceful love. From gloominess of mind, from repinings, from dejection of spirit, from distrust of thy mercy and from fear of death, good Lord, deliver us.

May the Spirit of Christ ever rule and live in us, inspiring our hearts with a sincere love of Thee, O God, with an earnest desire to please Thee and with a dread of offending Thee. Sanctify us wholly, we beseech Thee, that our souls and bodies may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless, O Lord, the poor and needy, the sick and afflicted, the wretched and distressed. Have compassion upon all ranks and conditions of men. Sanctify the afflictions of thy hand unto those who endure them, and in thine own good time turn their sorrow into joy.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, continue thy protection to us this night. Into thy hands we com-

mend ourselves and all things that belong to us. Be pleased to watch over us. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs and from the dread and fear of evil, to the end that we may enjoy such quiet and refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the coming day.

O Lord, make us ever mindful of that time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always so to live that we may never be afraid to die, but that whether we live we may live unto Thee and whether we die we may die unto Thee, that living and dying we may be thine, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

L. M. 61.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honor, praise and glory given,
By all on earth and all in heaven,
As was through ages heretofore,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Lord God, who upholdest all things by the word of thy power and who hast preserved our life unto this day, we praise Thee, for great is thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men. Thou hast been mindful of us and Thou wilt bless us. We put our trust in Thee, for Thou hast been our help and our shield. We will bless Thee, O Lord, from this time forth and for evermore, for thy merciful kindness is great toward us, and thy truth endureth forever.

O God, the day is thine, the night also is thine, and from Thee cometh down every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for the mercies of the night and for the mercies of this new day.

Unite our hearts to fear thy name, and help us by thy grace to do those things which shall please and glorify Thee; and while we seek first thy kingdom and righteousness do Thou grant us all temporal things needful for us.

Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Grant

us that wisdom which is profitable to direct, that we may guide our affairs with discretion. The Lord be with us and make all that we do to prosper in our hands, that we may have to give to them that have need. Help us to trust in Thee and to do good, that dwelling in the land we verily may be fed.

Preserve us in our going out and our coming in, and keep us from all evil. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able to bear, but with the temptation be pleased to make a way of escape that we may be able to bear it.

We beseech Thee, most merciful God, to comfort and help all the weak-hearted, to raise up them that fall and finally to beat down Satan under our feet.

Be Thou gracious to our kindred and our country, and let all those that love Thee be joyful in Thee, the Lord. Grant that thy blessing may be upon them and us, and do Thou fill our mouth with thy praise and with thine honor all the day long. So shall our lips greatly rejoice when we sing unto Thee, and our soul which Thou hast redeemed.

Lord Jesus, who hast made us sons of God, enable us to purify ourselves even as Thou art

pure, that when Thou shalt appear again with power and great glory we may be made like unto Thee in thine eternal and glorious kingdom.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to look beyond the things which are seen and temporal to the things which are not seen and eternal, that walking by faith more than by sight we may not be unduly moved by any occasions in this world, but be able to endure unto the end in the way of life; and so do Thou give us an abundant entrance into the kingdom of thy glory, and we will give the praise of our salvation to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

C. M.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
  The God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
  And shall be evermore.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O Lord God, who art from everlasting to everlasting, merciful and gracious, who pardonest iniquity and sin and passest by the transgression of the remnant of thy heritage, who retainest not thine anger forever because Thou delightest in mercy, we are before Thee in our trespasses; have Thou mercy upon us. We have sinned, O Thou Holy One, and to us belongeth confusion of face; but to Thee, the Lord our God, belong also mercies and forgivenesses. Deal not with us after our sins nor reward us according to our iniquities. Make clean our hearts within us and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Our heavenly Father, who hast this day prospered us in all good, who hast preserved us and kept us alive and hast showed us thy marvelous loving kindness, we would sing of thy mercies forever, and with our mouth would we make known thy faithfulness to all generations. We will praise Thee, O Lord, with our whole heart and glorify thy name forevermore.

We are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast showed unto thy servants; grant that thine eye which is upon them that hope in thy mercy may guide us and that the shadow of thy hand may cover us.

O Lord, who hast loved us and hast sent thy Son to be an offering for our sins, grant us redemption through Him; and having boldness to enter into the holiest by his blood, by a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us, we draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Almighty God, whose throne is in the heavens and whose kingdom ruleth over all, who governest the nations upon earth and workest all things after the counsel of thine own will, let it please Thee to give peace in our time and let our land yield her increase. Upon us and upon our house command the blessing, even life forevermore. Bless those who are dear to us and withhold from them no good thing.

Arise, O Lord, and have mercy upon Zion. Keep thy Church continually in thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope

of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power.

Save thine afflicted ones and bring them out of their distresses. Grant that as our day is, so our strength may be. Ever direct our steps and keep us in thy faith and fear; so that standing perfect and complete in all thy will we may find mercy of the Lord in that day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And while we live in the hallowing of thy name, in the furtherance of thy kingdom and in the doing of thy will, may thy peace, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Our Father, etc.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we render thanks unto Thee for thy kind care over us during the night that is past.

Since it is of thy great mercy that another day has opened upon us, we once more dedicate unto Thee our souls and our bodies, that they may be made to serve thy glory and our own salvation in a sober, righteous and godly life. We renounce all the works of darkness; O cause us to walk in the light of thy countenance. We renounce the vanities of the world; O help us to seek after the enduring substance that is laid up with Thee in heaven. We renounce all the lusts of the flesh; O enable us to walk in the Spirit. In these desires and purposes do Thou, most merciful God, confirm and strengthen us by thine ever present grace.

Give us, O Lord, an abiding sense of the vanity and shortness of this mortal life. Seeing that the Son of Man cometh at an hour when we think not, may we be always ready, that so the dread summons may not come upon us un-

awares, but that having our loins girt about and our lamps burning, we may be like those that wait for their Lord.

Accept, O Lord, our earnest intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy glorious gospel shine upon all nations, and cause it to bring forth in Christian lands the fruits of righteousness to the praise of thy heavenly grace.

Bless thy Church, O Thou who hast purchased her with thine own blood. Make her the joy of the whole earth; clothe her ministers with power; extend her borders into all lands; and may earth's millions of sinning, sorrowing and suffering souls find their home and their rest in her bosom.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Bless all our friends and acquaintances. Those that are in sin, O Lord, convert. Those that are in grace confirm and strengthen. Unite us all to one another by mutual love and to Thyself by the constant practice of holiness, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be merciful to all who are in any trouble or affliction, in mind, body or outward estate. Raise up helpers to such as are in want and ad-

minister grace and comfort to all according to their several necessities, for the sake of the suffering and sorrow of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

127 7s. D.

Hasten, Lord, the glorious time
  When, beneath Messiah's sway,
Every nation, every clime,
  Shall the gospel call obey.
Mightiest kings his power shall own,
  Heathen tribes his name adore;
Satan and his host, o'erthrown,
  Bound in chains, shall hurt no more.

Then shall war and tumult cease,
  Then be banished grief and pain;
Righteousness and joy and peace
  Undisturbed shall ever reign;
Bless we, then, our gracious Lord,
  Ever praise his glorious name;
All his mighty acts record,
  All his wondrous love proclaim.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Blessed be thy name, O Lord, who hast brought us in safety to the close of another day of our earthly pilgrimage. We beseech Thee to regard our prayer and the prayers of all thv people, and to pardon all our sins, according to thy loving kindness and thy tender mercy.

Accept, O Lord, our evening sacrifice and pour out upon us the fulness of thy grace. Guard and defend us by thy holy angels; arm us with the weapons of righteousness; surround us with thy truth; watch over us with thy power; preserve us from all harm and danger of body and soul; and give us grace to spend all the days of our sojourn on earth to thy honor and glory.

We humbly confess our sins before Thee, Thou holy God. O Saviour, to whom shall we poor sinners go but unto Thee, for with Thee there is plenteous mercy, and we know and believe that Thou hast power on earth to forgive sins. Grant us a joyful sense of thy pardoning love.

Do Thou, O Lord, mortify in us our old nature by giving us a sincere sorrow of heart for

our sins and a growing desire more and more to hate them and to flee from them.

Let thy goodness and forbearance, O Lord, lead us to repentance; and though we have rendered ourselves unworthy, yet for the sake of thy beloved Son, our Saviour, in whom Thou art well pleased, spare us and be not angry with us forever. Wash away all our sins and restore us to thy favor and love.

Quicken in us the new man by thy Holy Spirit, that we may have a sincere joy of heart in God and find true delight in living according to thy will in all good works, through the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord Jesus, Thou once crucified but now exalted Saviour, we bless Thee for thy humiliation, for thy holy birth, for thy life of patient suffering, for thine agony in the garden, for thy groans and prayers on the cross, for thine atoning death, for thy triumphant resurrection, for thy glorious ascension into heaven and for thy gracious intercession as our Advocate before the Father.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, we now commit ourselves into thy hands. Be with us when we lie down and when

we rise up; be with us in sickness and in health; and in the hour of death forsake us not, O merciful Lord, but grant us a calm and peaceful departure out of this world and a triumphant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom. And all the glory shall be given to Thee, the ever-living Redeemer, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost art alone worthy of all praise and glory.

Our Father, etc.

197 C. M.

Dear Father, to thy mercy-seat
  My soul for shelter flies;
'Tis here I find a safe retreat
  When storms and tempests rise.

My cheerful hope can never die,
  If Thou, my God, art near;
Thy grace can raise my comforts high,
  And banish every fear.

My great protector and my Lord,
  Thy constant aid impart;
O let thy kind, thy gracious word
  Sustain my trembling heart.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give Thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, preserving us from the dangers of the night and bringing us in safety to the beginning of another day.

We gratefully acknowledge our dependence on Thee for the necessities, conveniences and comforts of our daily life, for all the means of our well-being in this world and for the hope of everlasting happiness in thy heavenly kingdom.

We give Thee thanks for the gift of thy Son our Saviour, for the gift of thy Holy Spirit, our Comforter, for the institution of thy Church, the mother of us all, for the light of thy blessed gospel, for the helps of thy grace and for the precious promises of pardon through Christ Jesus, in whose blood we have the atonement.

Give us always, we beseech Thee, such a tender sense of thy mercies as may make us truly thankful for them. O save us from hardness of heart and from blindness of mind, that we may never neglect nor abuse thy grace, but may honor and enjoy it in our hearts and lives from day to day.

Grant us grace honestly to improve all the talents which Thou hast committed to our trust; and so help us that no worldly business and no love of pleasure may draw our minds and hearts from the solemn concerns of the life to come.

May thy blessing, O Lord, be upon our persons, upon our labors, upon our substance and upon all that belongs to us. In prosperity may we not forget Thee, and in adversity may we still trust in thy wisdom, mercy and love, knowing that whatever seeming evils befall us in this valley of tears, they shall all turn out to our advantage; and whatever Thou dost deny us, O withhold not that grace which bringeth salvation.

Defend us, O Lord, and all that are near and dear to us, against the assaults of our enemies; and grant that we may fall into no sin neither run into any danger. May all our doings be ordered by Thee and meet with thy favor and blessing, that so we may walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Into thy hands, gracious Father, we now commend our souls and bodies for this day and for all coming time. Glorify Thyself in all that

we do and suffer, and grant us, we beseech Thee, in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting, through the mercy and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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O Thou from whom all goodness flows,
  I lift my heart to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
  O Lord, remember me.

When with a broken, contrite heart,
  I lift mine eyes to Thee,
Thy name proclaim, Thyself impart,
  In love remember me.

In sore temptations, when no way
  To shun the ill I see,
My strength proportion to my day,
  And then remember me.

And when I tread the vale of death
  And bow at thy decree,
Then, Saviour, with my latest breath,
  I'll cry, remember me.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Enter not into judgment with us, O God, and deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Forgive us, O most merciful Saviour, the innumerable sins and shortcomings of the past week. So impress us, we beseech Thee, with the constant thought of the vanity of the world, the certainty of death and the coming of the judgment, that we may mortify more and more the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and

the pride of life and be prepared at all times for the coming of the Son of Man.

Keep us mindful that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, and ever give us grace to look for the city above, following those who through faith and patience have overcome the world and inherited the promises. Help us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling and to make our calling and election sure, that we may die in peace and rest in hope of a blessed resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who shall change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto his own glorious body.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our humble thanks for thine unspeakable goodness and mercy toward us during the past week and through all our days. We thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give Thee thanks forever and will show forth thy praise to all generations.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Take us now under the wings of thy protection for the coming night, and give us such refreshing sleep as shall fit us for thy holy worship on the coming day, so that with thy people we

may worthily commemorate the work of creation and redemption and thus enjoy a foretaste of the saints' everlasting rest.

Guard us against the power of darkness, free us from all fear of evil and fill us with the comfortable assurance that nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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Hail my ever blessed Jesus,
  Only Thee I wish to sing;
To my soul thy name is precious,
  Thou my Prophet, Priest and King.

O what mercy flows from heaven,
  O what joy and happiness!
Love I much? I've much forgiven;
  I'm a miracle of grace.

Second Week.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on thy judgment-throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, who hast set apart one day in seven for our good, we thank Thee for this day of rest. Help us to keep it holy unto Thee, the Lord our God. Laying aside our worldly employments may we rest in Thee. Make all our services and meditations in thy house and in our home a strength and a comfort to our souls. Make us joyful in the house of prayer, realizing that a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. May the Holy Ghost rest upon us abundantly, teaching us how to worship and enabling us to receive with meekness the engrafted word, to the saving of our souls.

Make this a day of refreshment to the sick and suffering, to the weary and lonely, yea a day of gladness and hope, of joy and thanksgiving to all thy people.

Most merciful Father, who didst give thine only begotten Son to be an offering for our sins, grant that being engrafted into Him by thy Spirit and made partakers of his sufferings and death, we may crucify the corrupt inclinations of the flesh, die daily unto the world and lead holy

and unblamable lives. Cleaving unto his cross in all the temptations of life may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering and finally attain unto the resurrection of the just, through the merits of this same once crucified but now risen and exalted Saviour.

O God, giver of all good, in whom are the springs of our life, all glory, thanks and praise be unto Thee for thine ever-flowing goodness. We thank Thee for health and strength, for friends and kindred, for home and country, for thy Church and gospel and above all for the hope of everlasting life. Therefore do we this day take the cup of salvation and call upon thy name in the presence of all thy people, humbly beseeching Thee to accept our grateful service, which we offer unto Thee in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless thy holy Church throughout all the world. Be with thy ministers in all their labor and service, enabling them rightly to divide the word, to the end that thousands may this day be turned from darkness to light.

Bless, we pray Thee, our own pastor and people. Make thy power greatly felt among us, and through thy sanctifying truth lead us all to greater earnestness and to holier living.

O God, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift and who art Thyself the only satisfying portion of the souls which Thou hast made, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to raise our thoughts and affections from earth to heaven and to breathe continually after thy presence, that so in the midst of all worldly vanity and change our hearts may surely there be fixed where alone are to be found true joys and everlasting peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We pray that thou wilt hear the cry of every troubled heart. Help all anxious and sorrowing souls to put their trust in Thee who in thine own good time and by thy fatherly providence wilt make all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Hear these our prayers and grant us an answer of peace, through the intercession of thy beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we render Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast permitted us once more to enter the courts of thy sanctuary to hear thy word, to sing thy praise, to enjoy the communion of saints and to be built up in our most holy faith. Let thy blessing accompany the truth which has been preached this day, that as good seed in good ground it may bring forth fruit in due season to the honor of thy great name.

Continue to us the precious means of grace, and grant that we all may at length be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting, to praise Thee, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, blessed forevermore.

Cause thy face to shine, O Lord, upon thy catholic Church in all lands, that she may speedily become the joy and the praise, the peace and the salvation of the whole earth.

Clothe her ministers with righteousness and truth. Bring to an end the disorders and divisions, the heresies and schisms which still mar her communion. Restore, O Lord, the captiv-

ity of Jacob. Let Zion arise and shine, that the Gentiles may come to her light and kings to the brightness of her rising. Let no weapon prosper that is formed against her. Encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of thy faithful people in every place. Be merciful unto us, O God of our salvation, and cause thy face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

O God, whose favor is life and in whose presence is fulness of joy, vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of those things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, as may serve to raise us above the vanity of this world, both in its pleasures and in its necessary trials, so that under thy guidance and blessing all things here may work together for our salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We thank Thee that amid all the manifold trials and changes of this earthly life we can call Thee our Father. O grant us more fully the spirit of adoption and daily greater grace, that our lives may bear witness to our sonship in

Jesus Christ. Strengthen us against every temptation from without and from within, fit us for every duty and accept us in thy dear Son, by whom we have access into thy grace wherein we stand.

Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Our Father, etc.

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
  Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
  Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
  Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
  Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
  By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
  Joys that through all time abide.

MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thy needy creatures render Thee our humble praises for our preservation even to this day. For all thy mercies we bless and magnify thy glorious name, beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

O merciful God, who knowest the weakness of our nature and the manifold temptations which we daily meet, we humbly beseech Thee to grant us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin and excited to our duty.

We implore thy grace and protection for this day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks and diligent in our several callings. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings, quiet and peaceable among those around us and ready to do good to all men according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways and prosper the works of our hands. Defend us from all dangers and adversities, O Thou who hast been the hope and confidence of thy people in all ages, and stretch forth the right

hand of thy majesty for our defence of soul and body.

While we care for ourselves, help us to be anxious about the souls of others also. O Thou Lord of the harvest, send forth many earnest laborers to gather in those that shall be saved. Call thy chosen in heathen lands and prosper the work of thy servants in the home field; and so let thy kingdom come throughout all the earth, until the good tidings of great joy shall reach all people.

Almighty God, who in all ages hast shewed thy power and mercy in the protection of nations that maintain thy holy truth, we pray for our own land. Let truth and justice, liberty and order be the stability of our times, and do Thou make this nation a bulwark of thy Church and a joy in all the earth.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, cause thy word to dwell in us richly, we beseech Thee, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work; and in thine own good time make us to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

Our Father, etc.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Lord, we thank Thee that Thou art not only almighty God but also our gracious Father in Jesus Christ, and that as a father pitieth his children so Thou dost pity thy needy and helpless ones. Grant us now, we beseech Thee, thy blessing as we close this day in thy name.

Confessing all our sins, of thought and word and deed, we pray for thy full forgiveness, for the sake of the precious blood of our Redeemer. Not only pardon our sins but also confirm us by thy grace and strengthen us in all truth and goodness. Help us to live nearer to Thee, as we day by day grow in grace and in knowledge of Thee. Forgetting those things which are behind, help us ever to press toward the prize of our high calling.

Let thy blessing, O Lord, be upon those who are dear to us, and satisfy all their proper wants. Comfort those who are in sorrow, guide those who are in any doubt or difficulty and show thy loving kindness to all the children of men.

We pray for thy blessing upon thy holy Church, that she may be so guided and gov-

erned by thy good Spirit that all who profess thy name may be led in the way of truth to hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all thy ministers and upon the congregations committed to their charge the help of thy grace, and grant them the continual dew of thy blessing.

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, from whom proceed all power and dominion in heaven and on earth, most heartily we beseech Thee to look with favor upon thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth and all others in authority. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness and truth, and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavors that law and order, justice and peace may everywhere prevail. Preserve us from public calamities, from pestilence and famine, from war, privy conspiracy and rebellion, but especially from national sins and corruption. Make us strong and great in the fear of God and in the love of righteousness, so that being blessed of Thee we may become a blessing to all nations, to the praise of the glory of thy grace, through Jesus Christ.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Take us now, O our God, under thy gracious care for this night. Let thy love be over us. With refreshing sleep prepare us for the labors of another day and help us always to feel safe in thy fatherly hand.

Hear our evening prayer and grant us an answer of peace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

675 C. M.

Holy and reverend is the name
  Of our eternal King;
"Thrice holy, Lord!" the angels cry;
  "Thrice holy" let us sing.

The deepest reverence of the mind,
  Pay, O my soul, to God;
Lift, with thy hands, a holy heart,
  To his sublime abode.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, who hast permitted us to rest under the shadow of thy wings through the night and hast called us forth in safety and peace to the light of a new day, accept our united thanks for this renewed token of thy goodness and love, and enable us to realize the debt of gratitude we owe to Thee for this and for all other mercies.

Regard us not, O Lord, according to the multitude of our transgressions but according to the abundance of thy compassion and forgive our innumerable transgressions, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, from whom every grace and all holy desires proceed, quicken us, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may this day walk in thy love and fear and in charity towards all men. Create in us clean hearts and renew within us right spirits, that Thou mayest take pleasure in us and bless us.

Remember according to the multitude of thy mercies, O Lord, all thy children in the world, and grant them every necessary good in earthly

and spiritual things. Especially do Thou bless our brethren who are in affliction, whether of body or mind, all the sick and bereaved, all that are in peril by land or by sea, all that are oppressed by their fellow men, all that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, all widows and orphans, and especially all who are in the pangs of death. Comfort them, O Lord, in their trials and grant them deliverance from their distresses; and do Thou so sanctify them by thy grace that they may at last be prepared for an abundant entrance into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Bless our rulers and all whom Thou hast placed in authority over us. Counsel them with thy wisdom and preserve them from the numerous temptations by which they are surrounded. Help us to reverence them as those who bear rule over us in earthly things from Thee, that we may uphold them in all their lawful endeavors to administer justice and righteousness among men.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now, O Lord, we commit our souls and bodies, with all that concerns us, into thy hands. Guide us, thy poor, weak and erring children,

and so order our footsteps, all our thoughts, words and deeds, that we may love and obey Thee more perfectly from day to day, until we shall be prepared by thine infinite mercy for that bright and glorious world where there is fulness of joy and where there are pleasures at thy right hand forevermore.

O Lord, bless us and keep us. Make thy face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. Lift Thou up the light of thy countenance upon us and give us peace.

Our Father, etc.

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Praise our glorious King and Lord,
Angels waiting on his word,
Saints that walk with Him in white,
Pilgrims walking in his light;
Glory to the eternal One,
Glory to his only Son,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and through Him our Father and the source of all our mercies, blessed be thy name that Thou hast so graciously protected us this day. Thy goodness is new unto us every morning and thy faithfulness every night. O that there were such heart in us that we might fear Thee and keep all thy commandments, that it might be well with us and with our children forever!

O Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, the Spirit of promise and the sanctifier of them that believe, dwell Thou in us as the Spirit of holiness. Purge our hearts from all evil passions and desires, that they may be a fit habitation for Thee. O preserve us pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to look graciously upon us as a family. Bless us in body and soul, in basket and store, in our going out and coming in and in all that concerns us. Above all bless us with spiritual blessings,

with a pure heart and a sound mind, with contempt of the world and a firm trust in Thee, with a grateful sense of thy kindness and a soul full of love, with a knowledge of thy will and a desire to perform it, with the assistance of thy Spirit and a sure and joyful hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

With these prayers in behalf of ourselves, O Lord, accept our hearty intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy gospel shine on all nations. Be especially gracious to our own land. Bless all who are in authority over us. So rule their hearts and strengthen their hands that they may lack neither will nor power to punish wickedness and to encourage and support true piety among us.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Encouraged by thy fatherly care over us during this day and all our life hitherto, we now commit ourselves to thy protection for the night. May we rest in safety and be quiet from fear of evil. May our thoughts be serious and devout when we lie down, and when we awake may we be still with Thee.

O Thou keeper of Israel, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, be Thou evermore our guardian; and when we lie down in the grave be Thou the comfort and strength of our hearts and our portion forever, through abounding mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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Come gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be Thou my guardian, Thou my guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to me display,
And make me know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear within my heart,
That I from Thee may ne'er depart.

Conduct me safe, conduct me far
From every sin and hurtful snare;
Lead me to God, my final rest,
In his enjoyment to be blest.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Lord God, who hast made us and who from day to day dost preserve us, graciously accept our thanksgiving as we enter upon this new day of mercy. Refreshed by the rest of the night, we now dedicate to Thee and to thy holy service our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, that we may in thy name do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do; and, we beseech Thee, let all this be to thy praise. Thus may we day by day glorify Thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are thine.

Our heavenly Father, who in tender love gavest thy Son to be our Advocate before Thee and who hast promised that all things which we ask in his name we shall receive, hear us now for his sake and grant what we need for another day.

O take away our ignorance, our hardness of heart and our too great love of this present world. Enlighten our minds that we may rightly know Thee, open our hearts that we may truly love Thee and by thy Holy Spirit help us ever to live unto Thee, so that being made free from sin and become servants unto God we may

have our fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life.

We pray for thy blessing upon friends and neighbors. Prosper them in things temporal and above all number them among thy chosen ones. Comfort the suffering and support the dying. Give thy people patience and submission under every trial and that peace which passeth understanding.

Lord Jesus, Thou great Shepherd of souls, bless thy ministers everywhere. Give them abundant grace and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of thy name in the saving of souls.

Send forth thy light and thy truth into all lands, that thy name may be known from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

As Thou hast promised, O Lord, that whatsoever we ask believing we shall receive, we therefore pray Thee hear us now, and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, to whom be glory forever.

Our Father, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Almighty Father, we humbly draw near to Thee this evening in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. We bless Thee that through Him Thou hast opened a way by which we may approach Thee with acceptance. Assist us to offer up with a sincere faith our united sacrifice of prayer and praise.

Notwithstanding our unprofitableness Thou hast yet kindly watched over us and hast kept us from dangers seen and unseen and hast given us manifold comforts and blessings. Thou hast supplied our bodily wants. Help us to be truly thankful for all thy goodness and to show our thankfulness in godly living.

But, O gracious Lord, with our thanksgiving we must also mingle our confession of sin and our prayer for mercy. We are not worthy to come before Thee, but He is worthy in whose holy name we come. For his sake incline thine ear and hearken to this our evening prayer. Pardon our iniquity, all our sins and shortcomings, and give us grace ever to walk in right ways.

We pray for all in authority over us that we as a people may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty; and do Thou also make us a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the gospel by sending down thy Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the home of his continual presence and power among men, mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh and sanctify our dying souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, our God, let the close of another day remind us of the close of our earthly pilgrimage. Help us to walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time by giving all our strength and service to Thee.

Our Father, etc.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Lord of our life, who hast spared us and brought us to the beginning of another day, we lift up our hearts to Thee. We thank Thee for the rest of the night, for health and strength, for food and raiment, for home and friends, yea for all the manifold tokens of thy loving kindness which surround us.

And now, Lord, graciously prepare us for all our goings this day. Help us to be faithful in every duty and relation, doing with all our might whatsoever our hands find to do, heartily also as unto Thee and not as unto men. Help us with patience to bear our cross, and in all things, O blessed Saviour, to follow Thee in self-denial, temptation, suffering and sorrow, knowing that we shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life.

May thy Holy Spirit continually quicken and guide us, working in us to will and to do thy good pleasure. Make us a blessing to each other and to all men. Defend our souls from the assaults of the wicked one and preserve us from all evil. O let nothing draw our hearts from Thee,

but walking in the light of thy countenance may we know the happiness of those whose God is the Lord.

Of thine infinite mercy, O God, give us true teachers and ministers of thy word, and put thy saving gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may rightly fulfil thy command and preach only thy holy word. So may we be taught and comforted and strengthened by thy truth and moved by thy grace to do only those things which are well pleasing to Thee and profitable to us.

Let thy blessing rest upon all our schools. Grant unto teachers and scholars the Spirit of the Lord, that all their labors may glorify Thee.

O Lord, send forth laborers into thy great harvest. Gather in from all nations a people unto Thyself. Give unto thy Son the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Have mercy also upon thine ancient people Israel and bring them into thy kingdom.

Guide and direct our rulers, that they may act wisely in all things. Bless our soldiers and sailors. Arm them with courage and keep them from evil. Bless all who journey by land or by water. Shelter them in every hour of peril and

bring them in due season to their desired haven. Look in mercy upon the poor and the afflicted. Raise up helpers to those in want, and comfort every sorrowing heart.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Our Father, etc.

8s & 7s.

Praise the Father, earth and heaven,
  Praise the Son, the Spirit praise,
As it was, and is, be given
  Glory through eternal days.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, look upon us in mercy as we now come before Thee, confessing our sins, acknowledging thy goodness and imploring thy gracious protection for the night at hand.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for the mercies of this day. May thy loving kindness draw our hearts closer to Thyself, made more tender by thy love and more devoted to thy holy service.

In our great weakness we come unto Thee for strength. Wrestling against the rulers of the darkness of this world we are unequal to the conflict, O Lord. Send us help from above and clothe us with thy whole armor. Make us strong in Thee and in the power of thy might, that we may be able to withstand in the evil day. Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit after the image of this same blessed and glorious Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

We ask thy blessing on all whom we love. Lead them in thine own way of life and light and peace.

We pray for those who are anxious and troubled, for the desolate and lonely, for the bereaved and broken hearted, yea for all whose joy has been turned into mourning. Be Thou nigh unto them with thy divine help according to all their need, filling their hearts with blessed peace.

We beseech Thee so to rule and govern thy Church universal, with all her pastors and people, that she may be kept pure in doctrine and that faithful pastors may preach thy word with power; and we pray that all who hear thy word may rightly understand and truly believe the same unto salvation.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Now that we lay ourselves down to rest, O watch Thou over us through the hours of darkness and refresh us with peaceful sleep, that we may rise on the coming day strengthened for thy service; and, O Shepherd of Israel, when we lie down in the sleep of death be Thou near

us, to lead us through that final darkness into the everlasting light of the life beyond.

All this we ask in the name of Him who is most high in the glory of God the Father.

Our Father, etc.

200 8s & 7s. D.

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, from whom all good things do come, we thank Thee for our mercies. Every morning and every evening thy goodness is new unto us; O help us to devote ourselves in body, soul and spirit daily more and more gratefully to thy most blessed service and praise.

Look upon us in mercy as a family. Direct us in all our goings. Teach us all to fear Thee and to love thy ways. Constrain us to yield ourselves so entirely to Thee that whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do we may do all to thy glory. Teach us to help those in want or sorrow, doing good to the bodies and souls of men; and thus by holy and unblamable lives may we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Look upon us in mercy and forgive our transgressions. Make us sensible of the great evil of sin and work in us a hearty contrition, that we may obtain forgiveness of Thee; and lest through our frailty or the temptations which beset us we be again drawn into sin, grant us, we

beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper or disposition of our souls, so that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs or inordinate desires may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred and malice, that with a conscience void of offence toward Thee and toward men we may be preserved pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for all who are in any trouble or sorrow. Comfort them, O Lord, in their distresses and send them speedy deliverance. Help us all to lay to heart thy fatherly chastening, that we may amend our ways and turn to thee.

O Lord Jesus, who art drawing all hearts to Thyself, hasten the day when the whole earth shall know thy salvation and when Thou shalt reign from pole to pole.

We beseech Thee to look favorably upon our country. Guide those in authority and give them that wisdom which cometh from above. Enlighten and direct all those whom Thou hast placed in positions of power and influence, both in Church and in State, that we may be a happy people whose God is the Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Hear our supplications, O Lord, and graciously answer us. Lead us safely through this earthly life and bring us at last to thy heavenly kingdom, for our Redeemer's sake.

Our Father, etc.

725 7s. 6l.

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still."
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

FRIDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that being delivered from every unholy motion of the flesh and spirit we may perfectly love Thee, with a pure heart and sanctified lips worship Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

In goodness art thou exalted, O Lord, our Father, forever and ever. We magnify Thee, we praise Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for thy bountiful providence, for all the blessings of the present life and all the hopes of a better life to come. Let the memory of thy goodness, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness unto our life's end, and let no unworthiness of ours provoke Thee to withhold from us any needed good, seeing that all thy blessings come not by our desert but only through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we cast ourselves down before Thee under a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt. We have grievously sinned against Thee in thought, in word and in deed. We have come short of thy glory. We have broken thy commandments, and turned aside every one of us from the way of life, and in us there is no soundness nor health. Yet now, O most merciful Father, hear us when we call upon Thee with penitent hearts, and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon our sins and grant us thy peace. Take away our guilt. Purify us by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit from all inward uncleanness, and make us able and willing to serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day and to whom the darkness and the light are both alike, by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; and so refresh our weary nature with the help which our weakness needs that we may behold the dawn and the day with joyfulness and be devoted to Thee both

in body and soul, for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that where two or three are gathered together in thy name Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

Our Father, etc.

7s. 61.

Praise the name of God most high,
Praise Him all below the sky;
Praise Him all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
As through countless ages past,
Evermore his praise shall last.

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SATURDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We praise Thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory; and, we beseech Thee, give us a due sense of all thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful and that we may show forth thy praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. O sanctify us and justify us in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God; so will we greatly rejoice in Thee, the Lord, and our souls shall be joyful in our God, who hath covered us with a robe of righteousness and clothed us with the garments of salvation.

We yield Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it hath pleased Thee to deliver us from the power of darkness and to translate us into the kingdom of thy dear Son, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; and we humbly beseech Thee to grant that we being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness and being buried with Christ in his death may crucify the old man and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as we are made partakers of the death of thy Son we may also be made partakers of his resurrection, so that finally with the residue of thy holy Church we may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, grant, we beseech Thee, thy blessing upon the Church which He has redeemed with his most precious blood. Illuminate her ministers with true knowledge and understanding of thy word. Send down the healthful influences of thy grace upon all her congregations. Make her strong and mighty against all heresy and schism, against all error and corruption. Clothe her with the beauty of holiness and peace. Enlarge her borders, and hasten the day

when the whole world shall be filled with thy glory and when those who sit in the region and shadow of death shall know and worship Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

7s & 6s.

Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
  One God whom we adore,
Join we with the heavenly host
  To praise Thee evermore;
Live, by heaven and earth adored,
  Three in One and One in Three,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
  All glory be to Thee.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O Lord our heavenly Father, by whose gracious protection we have been carried through another day and another week of our lives, unto Thee do we render our humble and hearty thanks.

Give us, we beseech Thee, a due sense of the manifold favors which Thou hast bestowed upon us ever since we were born; and more especially teach us to value, as we ought to do, thy great mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, through whom alone we enjoy the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We confess, O Lord, that we have not served Thee according to the measure of our knowledge and ability. We have again and again broken thy laws and commandments. We have often neglected the warnings Thou hast given. We have resisted the quiet influences of thy Holy Spirit and have just cause to fear thy righteous judgments. We are unworthy, but, O merciful Father, accept our penitence and cause it to be more sincere and heartfelt, and give us, we pray Thee, the comforting assurance of pardon.

By thy manifold and great mercies, by the all-sufficient merits of Jesus Christ, by his agony and bloody sweat, by his bitter cross and passion, by his glorious resurrection and ascension, by his continual intercession for us at thy right hand and by the graces and comforts of the Holy Ghost, good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to extend thy mercy to all mankind. Have pity upon the nations that know Thee not and have never heard thy name; cause the light of thy glorious gospel to shine among them and visit them with thy salvation.

Look with pity and compassion, O Lord, upon all in affliction and temptation, the poor, the sick and the dying; strengthen and support them, and give them in thine own good time a happy deliverance, for the sake of the sufferings of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

As Thou hast preserved us while waking, so do Thou, O Lord, defend us while sleeping. Grant us such rest of body that we may have a waking soul to watch for the time when our Lord shall appear to deliver us from this mortal

life. Let no vain or wandering fancy trouble us; let our spiritual enemies have no power over us; but grant that our minds may be set wholly upon thy presence and made to rest with love and fear in Thee alone, that being refreshed with a moderate and sober sleep we may rise again with cheerful strength and gladness of heart to serve Thee in all good works, through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Our Father, etc.

8s, 7s & 4s.

Glory be to God the Father,
  Glory to th' eternal Son;
Sound aloud the Spirit's praises;
  Join the elders round the throne;
    Hallelujah,
  Hail the glorious Three in One.

7s & 6s. D.

The morning light is breaking;
  The darkness disappears;
The sons of earth are waking
  To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
  Brings tidings from afar,
Of nations in commotion,
  Prepared for Zion's war.

See heathen nations bending
  Before the God we love,
And thousand hearts ascending
  In gratitude above;
While sinners, now confessing,
  The gospel call obey,
And seek the Saviour's blessing,
  A nation in a day.

Blest river of salvation,
  Pursue thine onward way;
Flow thou to every nation,
  Nor in thy richness stay;
Stay not till all the lowly
  Triumphant reach their home;
Stay not till all the holy
  Proclaim, "The Lord is come."

Third Week.

L. M.

Shout, for the blessed Jesus reigns,
  Through distant lands his triumphs spread;
And sinners, freed from endless pains,
  Own Him their Saviour and their Head.

He calls his chosen from afar,
  They all at Zion's gates arrive;
Those who were dead in sin before
  By sovereign grace are made alive.

Gentiles and Jews his laws obey,
  Nations remote their offerings bring,
And unconstrained their homage pay
  To their exalted God and King.

O may his holy Church increase,
  His word and Spirit still prevail,
While angels celebrate his praise,
  And saints his growing glories hail.

Loud hallelujahs to the Lamb,
  From all below and all above;
In lofty songs exalt his name,
  In songs as lasting as his love.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion, and unto Thee shall our vows be performed.

We are altogether unworthy to appear before Thee, Thou Holy One of Israel; but we draw nigh unto Thee at this time in the name of our only Mediator, Jesus Christ, the righteous. For his sake pardon our iniquity, which is very great, receive us graciously and love us freely.

Put thy Holy Spirit within us, that we may never walk in the counsel of the ungodly nor stand in the way of sinners nor sit in the seat of the scornful. It is of thy mercy that we have not followed a multitude to do evil, and we bless thy name for the Lord's Day. Help us with humility and thankfulness to commemorate the finished works of creation and redemption.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away. We rejoice in Him who died for our sins and rose again for

our justification and who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Be pleased, O Lord, to send forth thy light and thy truth. Let them lead us, let them bring us to thy holy hill and to thy tabernacles. May our delight be in the law of the Lord and in thy law may we meditate all the day. Sanctify us through thy truth. Make us faithful in every good word and work. Make us as trees planted by the rivers of water, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

Bless to us, O Lord, for these and all other holy purposes, the reading of thy word and the public services of the sanctuary. Go with us to the house of prayer and grant heavenly blessings to pastor and people, that whatsoever shall be spoken and heard may be as good seed, bearing much fruit.

Thou hast set thy King upon thy holy hill of Zion. May all nations be blessed in Him and call Him blessed. May the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ. Give thy Son the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. May the waste places of Zion be rebuilt and the glory of the Lord arise upon her as in the days of old.

Visit with thy special consolations on this holy day the sons and daughters of affliction. Let them receive, O Lord, a portion of the children's bread.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We render Thee our united thanksgiving for the blessings and privileges of the past week, for the rest of the night and for the return of thy holy day. Unworthy of the least of all thy mercies, we cast ourselves on the exceeding riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and praise, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

7s.

Sing we to our God above,
Praise eternal as his love;
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O Lord our God, in thy presence is fulness of joy and at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Thou art the good Shepherd who makest us to lie down in green pastures and leadest us beside the still waters; Thou restorest our souls; Thou leadest us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake.

Thou hast this day again revealed Thyself unto us as the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort; and we would now close it by uniting with the saints on earth and in heaven in ascribing unto Thee adoration and praise for all thy loving kindness and wonderful mercy to the children of men. Especially do we bless Thee for the knowledge of thy Son, Jesus Christ, for thy holy word, for the preaching of the gospel and for all the ordinances of thy house. We bless Thee for the gracious influences of thy Spirit, which Thou hast been pleased to shed down upon thy people in the comforting services of the sanctuary.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that the instructions and admonitions received to-day from thy bless-

ed word may bring forth much fruit to the glory of thy name. Save us from the condemnation of those who enjoy the privileges of thy Church and who yet continue in wilful sin. Make us every day more zealous in the duties of religion, more frequent and fervent in our prayers and thanksgivings, more serious in our repentance and humiliation, more holy and exemplary in our lives.

Forgive, O heavenly Father, all our sins and shortcomings of this day, the coldness of our devotions, the dulness of our prayers and the distraction of our thoughts. Our offences grieve our souls and hide thy face from us; but our confidence is in thine infinite mercy, through the all-sufficient sacrifice and merit of thy Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our justification and who is now at thy right hand as our merciful High Priest, making continual intercession for us, to whom be glory forever.

Bless our relatives and friends and all our fellow men, especially all widows and orphans, exiles and prisoners, the poor and the needy, the destitute and the oppressed. Mercifully grant them early relief and fill their hearts with grateful gladness.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We now commit ourselves to thy fatherly care and keeping for the night. Spread over us the wings of thy protection and keep us from all harm. Make us ever mindful of the day when we shall lie down in the dust. Prepare us for the death of the righteous, and grant us at last that rest which remaineth for the people of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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8s & 7s.

May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
  And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
  Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
  With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion
  Joys which earth cannot afford.

MONDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who by the rest of the Lord's Day and by the peaceful slumbers of the night hast refreshed our bodies and souls, we bring Thee our hearty thanks for thy great goodness toward us, and we gratefully acknowledge Thee as the source of all our mercies.

We now enter upon this new day and upon the duties of this week in thy fear and with a childlike sense of our dependence on Thee.

As Thou hast ordained that we should eat bread in the sweat of our face and work with our hands the things which are good, we beseech Thee mercifully to prosper the work of our hands. Sanctify, O Lord, the fruit of our labors and cares to our good, to the good of others and to thy glory. Help us to carry the Spirit of thy holy day into all the business of the week; and whilst our bodies and minds are engaged in honest and useful toil, may our hearts still live and rest in Thee. Whilst we are diligent in business may we also be fervent in spirit; and in all our doing may we, like our adorable Saviour, be doing only good.

Save us from the spirit of worldliness. Suffer us not to seek our portion in this life; and having food and raiment make us therewith content.

O Lord God of our fathers, who dost make and keep covenant with families and dost include parents and children in thy most gracious promises, bless, we beseech Thee, this household dedicated to thy holy service. Continue to provide for all our proper wants, and turn our hearts daily in gratitude and love to Thee, that being united in thy service in this life we may together attain to the blessedness of the life everlasting, through infinite mercy and grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

To thy care, O Lord, we now commend ourselves in soul and body for this day. Let thy fatherly protection be over us. Keep our hearts from sin, our eyes from tears and our souls from death, and enable us to walk before Thee in cheerful obedience to the end of life.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us what we need, since we ask all in his name who taught us to say:

Our Father, etc.

MONDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, who knowest all our wants before we ask and whose mercies are everlasting, help us to come boldly to thy throne of grace, assured that Thou wilt fulfil all thy promises to thy suppliant people.

Awaken in us a spirit of thankfulness. Open Thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Thou, Lord, hast not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. As a father pitieth his children, so Thou, our Father, hast pitied us; and now for all thy goodness we offer up our grateful praise. With angels and saints, with the whole company of the redeemed on earth and in heaven we adore thy name and magnify thy matchless grace, joining in their song: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Almighty God, who hast promised that if we confess our sins Thou wilt forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, we now humble ourselves before thy throne and confess our manifold sins and transgressions with lowly

and contrite hearts, praying that in thy mercy we may obtain forgiveness of the same, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While we thank Thee for temporal mercies, help us gratefully to remember what Thou hast done for our souls, not only in the life and sufferings of our blessed Lord, but also in his present gracious intercession at thy right hand and in the enlightening and sanctifying work of the Holy Ghost in our hearts and lives. Grant us all needful grace that we may ever live as becomes those who are so highly favored, pleasing and glorifying Thee in faithful service day by day until Thou shalt call us higher.

Lord, we ask thy grace and guidance in all things. As Thou in thy fatherly providence hast appointed unto us our different stations and duties, give us, we beseech Thee, cheerful and contented minds, free from doubt and murmuring and full of earnest purpose and effort for thy glory and for the good of our fellow men.

O Lord, Thou great King, bless our nation and establish it in righteousness. Grant unto those in authority over us that wisdom which cometh from Thee, and do Thou direct all their plans and counsels for the promotion of thy glory and for the good of thy people.

Let thy blessing rest upon thy holy Church. O hasten the joyful day when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

At the close of another day we now come into thy presence with the voice of prayer and praise. Thou hast kept us from dangers, seen and unseen, and hast brought us in safety to this hour. O may thy angels continue to have charge over us through the darkness of the night, that no evil befall us, neither any plague come nigh our dwelling.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve and save us. The Lord mercifully with his favor look upon us and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that being partakers of the divine nature here we may in the world to come have life everlasting.

Our Father, etc.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we present ourselves before Thee in the name of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, with a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt, but also with a filial confidence in thine infinite mercy. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the remission of all our sins and make us know the blessedness of the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Impart unto us that faith which overcomes the world, the flesh and the Devil. Fill our hearts with love to Thee and charity to our fellow men. Establish in us the hope of everlasting glory. Strengthen us by thy Spirit unto every good word and work, and make us thus to abound in the fruits of righteousness.

Bless thy people everywhere with all spiritual blessings. Heal all divisions and distractions among believers, and so unite them in truth and love that they may be of one heart and one soul,

keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Extend the borders of thy kingdom, and hasten the time when at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mercifully fix our hearts on things above and free them from all undue care and thought for the things of the present transitory world, that whilst we are here in the body we may sow not to the flesh but to the Spirit and in the end reap life everlasting.

Deliver us more and more from the bondage of sin, from the power of the flesh, from the corruption of the world and from the temptation of the Devil. Give us faith that worketh by love, hope that maketh not ashamed, charity that never faileth, confidence in Thee that shall never be shaken, patience that shall never faint, and courage that shall always be ready to confess Thee, so that we may live in thy fear, die in peace, rest in hope and attain to the resurrection of the saints, through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We thank Thee for the joy of the present and for the hope of the future. Help us ever to stay ourselves on Thee, the Lord Jehovah, our everlasting strength, praying as Thou hast taught us:

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Jesus, thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there.

Thy love, how cheering is its ray!
All pain before its presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away,
Where'er its healing beams arise.

O let thy love my soul inflame,
And to thy service sweetly bind;
Transfuse it through my inmost frame,
And mould me wholly to thy mind.

Thy love, in suffering, be my peace;
Thy love, in weakness, make me strong;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
Thy love shall be, in heaven, my song.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our God, we confess that we are not worthy to lift our hearts and voices unto Thee who art high and holy, but we come before Thee this evening trusting in the name and pleading the merits of Christ, our Saviour, in whom Thou art ever well pleased. For his sake hear us, our Father, and grant us thy pardoning blessing.

We confess our manifold sins which we from time to time have committed against Thee by thought, word and deed. But we do earnestly repent and are sorry for these our misdoings; and we beseech Thee of thy great goodness to be merciful unto us. Pardon all our sins, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We thank Thee for keeping us this day from besetting dangers. We thank Thee for every earthly comfort, but we praise Thee yet more for thy saving grace, for thy holy commandments, for thy precious promises, yea for all thy manifold spiritual blessings. O help us so to walk as thy faithful children that others seeing our good works may glorify Thee. Help us to devote all that we have, time, talents and means,

to thy holy service, so that our whole life may be a song of grateful praise. Put holy desires and purposes into every heart.

Bless all who are in any way related to us. Help those who are in any trouble. Comfort those who mourn. Draw all hearts to Thyself.

Let thy blessing be upon those who especially labor for the spread of thy holy gospel. Give them wisdom and zeal, and crown their labors with success.

We pray for our nation. Bless all its great and widening interests. O Thou who hast ordained the powers that be and hast appointed rulers to administer justice among men, bless those who are over us. Give them wisdom and understanding, that they may govern in thy fear and to thy praise.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now, most gracious Father, watch over us through the night. Keep us in safety and in the joy of thy salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Advocate, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O gracious God, look down with favor upon thine unworthy servants who now in the name of Jesus Christ approach thy mercy seat. Every morning and every evening thy goodness is new unto us, and thy faithfulness every night. Day unto day uttereth speech, telling of thy loving kindness. Fill our hearts with thankfulness, O Lord, and be pleased to accept our imperfect praise.

As we enter upon the duties of another day, give us the grace and wisdom we so much need. Cause us to hear thy loving kindness in the morning, for in Thee do we trust. Cause us to know the way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Help us to understand thy word and to do thy will. Sanctify us in body, soul and spirit, that we may be entirely thine.

God of all power and glory, who hast not appointed us unto wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect and fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of thy redeeming mercy, that being delivered more and more from

our sins we may be able to serve Thee in newness of life. Sanctify us in body, soul and spirit and guide us evermore in the way of peace. Help us to overcome the world. Beat down Satan under our feet. Give us courage to confess Christ always and patience to endure in his service unto the end, that having finished our course with joy we may rest in hope and attain finally to the resurrection of the just, through the infinite merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Bless thy holy Church throughout all the world. Illuminate her ministers with true knowledge and understanding of thy word. Send down the healthful dew of thy grace upon all her congregations. Establish and reveal thy glory among all nations. By the tranquil working of thy perpetual providence confound and destroy all wicked devices formed against thy holy word, and bring in speedily the full victory of thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O God, the high and Holy One, who inhabitest eternity and dwellest with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the

spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones, glorify thy grace, we beseech Thee, in the midst of our manifold infirmities and sins, and in all temptations hold us up by thy mighty hand, that the trial of our faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, may be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

O Christ, Thou glorious King, we own
Thee to be God's eternal Son;
The Father's fulness, life divine,
Mysteriously are also thine.

From day to day, O Lord, do we
On high exalt and honor Thee;
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Almighty and eternal God, we desire to close this day in thy name. We come before Thee under a deep sense of our unworthiness but also with a comforting sense of thy love and mercy. We have sinned and done amiss, and our hearts condemn us; but O Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, take away our sins. By thine agony and bloody sweat, by thy cross and passion, good Lord, deliver us; and, we beseech Thee, also give us grace each day to serve Thee better, so that walking in newness of life we may at length come to thy heavenly kingdom.

O God, the Father, who of thine abundant mercy hast begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let thy great love constrain us to rise up, forsake all and follow Him, that as we have been redeemed by his blood so we may walk also in the light of his holy example and be joined to Him evermore as the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast promised to reveal thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations, remember, we beseech Thee, thy holy Church throughout all the world. Unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a holy faith as one body, and so replenish them and us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works, and that having persevered in the way of godliness to the end we may with prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors and saints of all ages come into full communion with Thee and with one another in thine eternal and glorious kingdom, through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O most powerful Lord God, King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone ordainest the powers that be, take under thy most gracious government and guidance, we beseech Thee, thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth and all others in authority; and so enrich them with heavenly wisdom and grace that they may attain thine everlasting favor and we lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Thou who hast so graciously preserved us this day, keep us in safety through the night before us. May the angel of the Lord encamp round about us and deliver us. O Lord, save thy servants who put their trust in Thee. Preserve us from evil while we wake and while we sleep, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour.

Our Father, etc.

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H. M.

Lord of the worlds above,
  How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of thy love,
  Thine earthly temples are!
To thine abode my heart aspires,
With warm desires to see my God.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, look down upon us with favor and hear our morning prayer as we now again draw near to Thee in our Saviour's name. Awaken in us a sense of our need and helplessness and thus enable us with gratitude also to see how fully Thou hast met all our wants.

As Thou hast kept us through the night, continue thy mercy toward us through the day. Prosper us in our various callings and give us good success. Keep us not only from outward transgressions but also from secret sins. Make us kind and gentle one toward another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as Thou for Christ's sake hast forgiven us. Help us to bear one another's burdens, and each to do his own work with cheerfulness and singleness of heart, desiring in all things to glorify Thee.

Almighty God, shed abroad thy love in our hearts, we beseech Thee, and cause the comfort of thy heavenly grace to abound in us as the earnest and pledge of days to come, so that casting away all anxious thought for the transitory

things of this world we may seek first thy kingdom and righteousness and labor only for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life.

O Thou who hast said that if we lack wisdom we shall ask of Thee, we pray for thy gracious guidance and direction, for thy constant help and blessing.

Pardon our slowness to believe. O Lord, increase our faith, that our hope in Thee may be firm and unshaken. Give unto us the blessedness of those who have not seen and yet have believed. Enable us always to remember that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless thy holy Church throughout all the world. Clothe thy ministers with righteousness and make thy people joyful in Thee. Bless our own beloved Zion in all her plans and activities for the spread and establishment of thy kingdom throughout the world.

Bless the aged who by reason of years are near the rest that remaineth for thy saints, and do Thou fill them with joy and peace in believing.

Bless the young who are in the midst of the battle of life, bearing the burden and heat of the

day. Make them strong in the Lord and abundantly able to stand in the power of thy might.

Bless also the youngest, we beseech Thee, with needful grace and guidance, so that growing up in the knowledge and love of God they may walk in the way of good men, in the paths of righteousness unto great joy and peace in Thee.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now, O Lord, grant that living in thy fear and dying in thy peace we may at length be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

S. M.

To the eternal Three,
  In will and essence One,
To Father, Son and Spirit be
  Coequal honors done.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O Lord, almighty in power and great in goodness, who hast brought us in safety to the close of another day, defend us by thy might and keep us through the darkness.

So order the events of our lives and so sanctify our thoughts, purposes and actions that we may promote thy glory and the welfare of men.

O God, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of thy dear Son, enable us by thy grace, we earnestly beseech Thee, so to walk in the Spirit that we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh, but may walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

Almighty God, through whose mercy we are saved by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, let this grace reign in us as the power of a new life, whereby denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we may live soberly, righteously and godly, looking for the coming of our Lord, who gave Himself for us and hath made us a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Illuminate our minds by thy heavenly grace and fill them with the pure wisdom which cometh from above, that we may walk before Thee in godly sincerity all our days, endeavoring in all things to know and to do only thy will.

Cause thy Church to arise and shine, O Lord, and clothe her ministers with righteousness and salvation, that thy word in their hands may not return unto Thee void but have free course in the world, prospering in the thing whereunto Thou hast sent it and prevailing mightily to turn men from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith that is in Christ Jesus.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Direct us, we humbly beseech Thee, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name and finally by thy mercy attain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge with grateful hearts thy goodness, which is renewed unto us this morning. When we lay in defenceless sleep thy power was beneath us and thy protection around us. While others have spent the night in sighs and tears, in restlessness and painful watchings, in sickness and in struggles with death, Thou hast granted unto us a comfortable and refreshing repose. Blessed be thy name, O Lord of our life, for all thy goodness and love toward us.

We rejoice, O gracious Father, that though we sin, we have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ, the righteous. Be pleased for the sake of his satisfaction no more to remember our offences, neither our corrupt nature against which we have to struggle all our lifelong, but wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Help us with a believing heart to embrace all the sufferings and death of Christ and thereby to obtain pardon of our sins and eternal life, that so we may become more and more united to his

sacred body by the Holy Ghost, who dwells both in Christ and in us. May our old man be crucified, dead and buried with Him, that the corrupt inclinations of the flesh may no more reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise in body and in soul in this life, and obtain in the world to come life everlasting.

Defend us, O Lord, this day, from all motions of sin in our own hearts and from all hurtful influences from the world and evil spirits. In our greatest temptations be Thou nearest to us by thy sustaining and conquering power; and as Thou, blessed Saviour, didst overcome the tempter in the wilderness, so do Thou overcome his wiles in us by thy victorious grace.

Grant us, O Lord, the spirit of cheerful resignation to thy good and holy will amid all the changes of this mortal life, that we may be patient in adversity and thankful in prosperity, and that in all things which shall hereafter befall us we may place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, believing that nothing shall separate us from His love.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

These mercies, O Lord, the King eternal, immortal and invisible, the only wise and true God, we ask for ourselves and others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
  In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
  And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
  And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
  And to the weary rest.

Jesus, my Shepherd, husband, friend;
  My Prophet, Priest and King;
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
  Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
  And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
  I'll praise Thee as I ought.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Blessed be thy holy name, our heavenly Father, for thy merciful protection during the past day. Grant us grace that we may spend all our days in thy holy service, and do Thou ever keep us in thy sheltering care. Unto Thee do we humbly offer up ourselves in body and soul, with all that we have and are, as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Pardon, we pray Thee, the sins of another day, our pride and selfishness, our forgetfulness and neglect, all our shortcomings and unworthiness. Our hope is in thy mercy alone, O holy Saviour. Graciously hear our cry and heal our souls and give us joy and peace in believing. Not only wash us in thy most precious blood and make our hearts clean within us, but also give us grace that we may sin no more. Enable us to live holy lives. Sanctify us by thy Spirit, that we may delight to do thy will.

Help us, O Lord, to discharge all our duties with supreme regard to thy glory, to meet our temptations with Christian courage and to submit to our trials with humble resignation, know-

ing that in thine infinite wisdom and mercy all things must work together for good to those that love Thee.

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the Holy Ghost, and daily increase in us the manifold gifts of thy grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, now and forever.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We know not what a day may bring forth, but we thank Thee that Thou knowest and that Thou wilt keep us from all harm, for in our helplessness Thou art our everlasting helper and friend.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us and remain with us always.

Our Father, etc.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Lord God, who art the refuge of all who put their trust in Thee, we desire to begin this day in thy name, praying for thy presence and blessing. We are weak, be Thou our strength. We are ignorant and do easily err, be Thou our light and our guide. O help us and teach us. Enable us with our whole heart to reach out to Thee for the grace and mercy we so much need.

We are unworthy, O thou Holy One of Israel, but we come in the name of thy dear Son, for whose sake Thou hearest all our prayers.

O Lord, be Thou our shield and defence, our refuge and strength, this day and always. Defend us in danger, preserve us in temptation, make us earnest in duty, direct us in all our plans and goings, and help us ever to render unto Thee a cheerful and hearty obedience, that doing all things in thy name we may glorify Thee in faithful service.

O Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Father and the Son, who by thy quickening energy hast raised us up to a new life in Christ Jesus, and dost in mercy to our infirmities condescend to dwell in

our mortal bodies as thy consecrated temples, bring forth in our hearts and lives, we beseech Thee, the fruits of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance, that so walking in Thee with all holy obedience we may stand firm in the knowledge and love of the truth against the wiles of the Devil, overcome the world and be glorified in the fellowship of the Father and the Son, to whom with Thee, who art coequal and coeternal God, we ascribe all honor, thanksgiving and praise.

Almighty and most merciful God, who art a seasonable refuge in time of trouble, let the prayers of those who in tribulation or any sort of extremity cry unto Thee reach thy merciful ears, and grant them relief according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, for the sake of the suffering and sorrow of thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Look with favor upon our land and prosper us as a nation. Help us as a people to walk in right ways; and from us may thy gospel go forth into other lands, until all the ends of the earth shall know and acknowledge Thee, the only true God.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, look mercifully upon us and bless us. Fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, that living together in thy fear in this life we may in the world to come have life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Jesus, my Shepherd, let me share
Thy guiding hand, thy tender care;
And let me ever find in Thee,
A refuge and a rest for me.

O, lead me ever by thy side,
Where fields are green, and waters glide;
And be Thou still, where'er I be,
A refuge and a rest for me.

Anoint me with thy gladdening grace,
To cheer me in the heavenly race;
Cause all my gloomy doubts to flee,
And make my spirit rest in Thee.

When death shall end this mortal strife,
Bring me through death to endless life;
Then, face to face, beholding Thee,
My refuge and my rest shall be.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, by thy faithful providence we have been brought in peace and safety to the close of another week, and we now come before Thee with thanksgiving for all our comforts and blessings, for our daily bread, for health and prosperity, for our happy home and for the many mercies which we cannot number before Thee, both of body and of soul.

But we are not worthy, O Lord, for we have sinned and come far short, and our lives have not been full of thy praise. O look upon us in mercy and pardon all our transgressions for Christ's sake, and strengthen us for better living in time to come.

Prepare us, we pray Thee, to enjoy another day of the Son of Man. Enable us to lay aside from heart as well as hand all our earthly cares, that we may rest in Thee. Help us to keep holy the Sabbath and to make it a delight unto our souls to thy praise. Grant us now such refreshing rest as may strengthen us for these holy services, and do Thou fill our hearts with thy peace.

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we implore thy mercy in behalf of all classes and conditions of men, that it may please Thee to visit them with thy most compassionate help, according to their manifold necessities and wants. Especially do we beseech Thee to show pity upon all widows and orphans, upon all prisoners and captives, upon all sick and dying persons, upon those who are desolate or sore afflicted in any way, and upon all such as are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Enable them to look unto Thee, O most merciful Father, and to call upon thy name, that they may find Thee a present Saviour in their affliction and distress; and let it please Thee to deliver them and raise them up in due time, giving them patience under all their sufferings, the rich comfort of thy grace here below and eternal rest with Thee in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, look in mercy on the world around us. Have compassion on those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, both in our own land and in heathen lands. Cause the light of thy glorious gospel to shine everywhere, and thus make thy way known upon earth and thy saving health among all nations.

Bless our native land. Defend us, we beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies, and give peace in our time. And unto Him who is the blessed and only potentate, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, be honor and glory everlasting.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We are before Thee, O Lord, for an evening blessing. Preserve us from all evil through the night and bring us to the light of a new day, for the sake of Him who has taught us to call upon Thee, saying:

Our Father, etc.

H. M.

To God the Father's throne
  Your highest honors raise;
Glory to God, the Son;
  To God, the Spirit, praise;
With all our powers, eternal King,
Thy name we sing, while faith adores.

Fourth Week.

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Love divine, all love excelling,
  Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
  All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
  Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
  Into every troubled breast,
Let us all in Thee inherit,
  Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our power of sinning,
  Alpha and Omega be,
End of faith, as its beginning,
  Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
  Let us all thy life receive,
Suddenly return and never,
  Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
  Serve Thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
  Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation,
  Pure and sinless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
  Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
  Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
  Lost in wonder, love and praise.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O Lord, merciful and gracious Father, we thy children adopted in Jesus Christ gather around the mercyseat in humble and childlike trust in Thee. As Thou makest the outgoings of the morning to rejoice, so do Thou make glad our hearts on this day of sacred rest.

Thou, O Lord, art the true and only rest of the soul, and our hearts cannot rest until they rest in Thee. Grant us this day not only the rest of the body but also some foretaste of that eternal peace and joy which shall refresh us, when we after the labors of this life shall awake in thy likeness and be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Thou, who hast made thy Church thy dwelling-place and chosen it as thy rest forever, and hast taught us in thy word not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, regard in special mercy, we beseech Thee, all those who meet today in thy holy courts. Manifest Thyself unto them as Thou dost not unto the world. Bless unto them and us all thine ordinances, and may our worship in the Church on earth prepare us

more fully for the blessed worship of the Church in heaven.

O adorable Saviour, head of thy Church, who hast all power in heaven and in earth, and who dost send forth thy servants in thy name to publish salvation and make disciples to Thyself, sustain the pastors of thy flocks at home and in heathen lands. Give them the anointing of the Holy Ghost in their ministrations, that they may feed the flock that waiteth around Thee, comforting the distressed, instructing the ignorant, warning the careless, confirming the doubting, suiting and satisfying the wants of all from the rich treasury of thy grace.

Be pleased, O God of compassion, whose tender mercies are over all thy works, to remember this day all ranks and conditions of men. Succor the needy and oppressed; protect and cheer widows and orphans; restore the sick; prepare the dying for death; sanctify the merciful chastisements of thy hand unto all who are enduring them; and may the pains of their bodies and the anguish of their souls lead them to the exercise of that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto life, and thus bring unto them in the life to come a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, through the suffering, death, resurrection

and powerful intercession of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Hear now our prayer, O Lord, in heaven, thy dwelling place. Glorify thyself in all that we do and suffer, and lead us in that way in which we shall best escape the pollutions that are in the world and attain at last to the unspeakable joys of the life to come; and unto Thee, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

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Father of eternal grace,
  Glorify Thyself in me;
Meekly beaming in my face,
  May the world thine image see.

Happy only in thy love,
  Poor, unfriended or unknown,
Fix my thoughts on things above,
  Stay my heart on Thee alone.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge thy great goodness toward us in granting us another day of holy rest. We praise Thee for what our eyes have seen, our ears have heard and our hearts have felt of thy mercy and grace in the privileges of this day.

We are truly sorry for the errors and sins of this day and of our past lives. We are grieved that we have so often forgotten thy presence, authority and goodness. Merciful God, pardon our offences, correct and amend what is amiss in us and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Especially, O Lord, forgive the iniquity of our holy things. Write thy laws in our hearts, and enable us to show by holy, unblamable and useful lives that we have not enjoyed thy Sabbaths and thy worship in vain. Thus prepare us more and more for the worship of the heavenly temple and for the enjoyment of that eternal Sabbath which knows no setting sun.

Grant, O Lord, that every evening may remind us of the near approach of the night of death, when no man can work. Let a deep sense of our frailty make us careful how we live; and amid all the vanity of this present life may we be united by a living faith and by the power of the eternal Spirit unto Him who is the resurrection and the life, so that, though we die, we may yet live because He lives.

Assist us in carrying out the holy resolutions which we have this day formed under the gracious movings of thy word and Spirit.

O Thou, who hast all power in heaven and in earth, accompany the preaching of thy word and the administration of thy sacraments with the influences of thy Holy Spirit. Continue to us and to all Christian churches the means of grace and salvation; and may the saving truths of the gospel be speedily published in every land, that all the ends of the earth may hear, believe and live forever.

Evermore keep and preserve us, O God of our salvation, in the midst of all dangers to which we are exposed, either in body or in soul; and prepare us with meek cheerfulness and Christian resignation to receive our sorrows as well as our joys from Thee, knowing that health and sick-

ness, riches and poverty, yea all things, come not by chance but by thy fatherly hand.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Thou, to whom the darkness and the light are both alike and who dost neither slumber nor sleep, defend us, we beseech Thee, from all perils and dangers of this night. Keep us under the shadow of thy wings that we may be quiet from all fear of evil and be brought in peace to the light of another day, invigorated and rightly prepared for its work.

We ask all in the name and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

Let us adore th' eternal Word,
'Tis He our souls hath fed;
Thou art our living stream, O Lord,
And Thou th' immortal bread.

Blest be the Lord that gives his flesh,
To nourish dying men;
And often spreads his table fresh,
Lest we should faint again.

MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in great mercy hast spared us through the night, help us by thy grace to approach Thee with humble and believing hearts and thus to worship Thee acceptably in spirit and in truth; and do Thou graciously hear and answer the prayers which we now offer unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee and are no more worthy to be called thy children; have Thou mercy upon us. We have sinned in thought, in word and in deed, even against light and knowledge, and we come unto Thee for pardon. Wash us in the Redeemer's blood and blot out all our sins for his sake. By thy Holy Spirit also purify and renew our souls and quicken us by thy grace. Help us closely to examine ourselves and to turn away from all sin in heart and in life. Set us free, we beseech Thee, from all that ensnares and entangles us, that we may the more fully learn the way of thy commandments.

We thank Thee for thy goodness toward us both in body and in soul. It is of thy mercy that

we are not consumed and because thy compassions fail not. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may this day with fidelity and diligence pursue the work which Thou hast assigned us, and that in the midst of our daily toil we may maintain a spiritual and heavenly mind. May the faith of Christ be made effectual in us to bring down our pride, to subdue our selfishness, to improve our temper, to direct and restrain our tongues and to fill us with charity to our neighbor, so that in all our words and deeds we may glorify thy holy name.

Prosper us as a family in all our varied interests, and have Thou mercy upon all men. Bless our country and make us a blessing to all the nations of the earth. Bless thy holy Church throughout all the world. Prosper the great work of missions in all lands. Help thy servants to be faithful in their high calling, and do Thou early give the word of salvation to all men.

Be merciful to all who are in trouble, want or sickness, in any anguish, peril or suffering. Comfort them by thy grace and draw their hearts to Thyself as the true and only refuge of souls.

O Lord, who hast taught us in thy word that Thou wilt renew the strength of those who wait upon Thee, fulfil now this promise unto us;

and above all things give us thy favor, which is life, and thy loving kindness, which is better than life.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, our Lord, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers and to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, for Christ's sake, in whose name we pray:

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

Come, let us join our cheerful songs,
  With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
  But all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
  "To be exalted thus;"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
  "For He was slain for us."

Jesus is worthy to receive,
  Honor and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
  Be, Lord, for ever thine.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our God, infinitely great and holy, who yet dost humble Thyself to receive the petitions of thy needy creatures, be pleased graciously to accept this our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise, and at the same time do Thou enable us to approach thy throne of grace with boldness and confidence, through the all-prevailing merits of Jesus Christ.

We confess and lament our many sins of omission and of commission, of thought and word and deed; O grant us the comforting assurance of pardon and let thy grace break the power of sin in us, that in thy strength we may walk in newness of life. Order our steps in thy word and let no iniquity have dominion over us. Make us wholly thine and quicken us in thy way.

Bless us as a family, we pray Thee. Enable us by thy grace to live together in peace and quietness, so that keeping the unity of the Spirit in faith and love we may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, the Lord our God, blessed forevermore. Help us always to be doers of thy

word and not hearers only. While we search the Scriptures be Thou our teacher. Make thy word precious to our souls and establish us in thy truth.

O Thou almighty Father, lift us up and bear us over the hard places of life, amid all its changing scenes; and when at length we are called to go hence, grant that we may pass into the life to come with songs and everlasting joy upon our heads, and stand accepted before Thee, redeemed through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now that we are about to lie down to rest, be pleased to abide with us, Lord Jesus, for the day is far spent. Guard us from all evil. Keep us under the shadow of thy wings, and give us that calm and blessed peace which is the portion of thy people. Having walked with Thee this day we pray Thee be with us through the night and bring us in safety to the light of another day, to praise thy name in faithfully serving Thee anew. O Thou who slumberest not, enable us to think of Thee with gladness upon our beds and to sing praises unto thy

name, rejoicing in thy presence which turns darkness into light.

Accept, O Lord, our humble praises, graciously answer our feeble prayers and finally bring us to the full enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom, through riches of grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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Saviour, thy dying love
  Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold,
  Dear Lord, from Thee;
In love my soul would bow,
My heart fulfil its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now,
  Something for Thee.

O'er the blest mercy-seat,
  Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up,
  Jesus, to Thee;
Help me the cross to bear,
Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise or prayer,
  Something for Thee.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O God, the Father in heaven, who hast created us and who dost preserve us, have mercy upon us in our helplessness of body and of soul and continue toward us thy loving kindness and thy tender mercy.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and hast translated us into thine own kingdom of grace and holiness, have mercy upon us, deliver us more and more from our sins and establish us in thy gracious covenant of truth and righteousness.

O God, the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier and Comforter of all that believe, have mercy upon us, enlighten our minds and purify our hearts, confirm us in all truth and finally bring us to everlasting life.

O holy and blessed Trinity, Thou triune God, help us to thank Thee as we ought to do for the mercies of the night, for the mercies of the day and for all thy great goodness toward us both in body and in soul. We acknowledge the greatness of thy goodness. O fill our hearts with

thankfulness and our lives with thy praise. We would this day consecrate ourselves anew to thy holy and blessed service, spending and being spent for Thee. Help us ever to count thy service a joy.

Encouraged by thy word we again draw near to thy throne of grace. Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord, in the morning will we direct our prayer unto Thee and will look up. Lead us this day in thy righteousness and make thy way straight before our face, that all our going may be to thy praise. Defend us with thy mighty power, and grant that we may fall into no sin neither run into any danger, but that all our doings being ordered by Thee may be righteous in thy sight. Keep us, we beseech Thee, from vanity, pride, self-will and presumption. While we are diligent in business give us grace also to be fervent in spirit, serving Thee, our Lord, and presenting ourselves living sacrifices of thankfulness on thine altar. In our weakness grant us thy sure guidance through all the cares and dangers of this day. Dispose us to seek first thy kingdom and righteousness with full trust that all things needful for this life shall be added unto us.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And at length, O blessed Saviour, when we have served our generation and ended our work, take us to thy blessed rest on high, for thy name's sake, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Our Father, etc.

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Break Thou the bread of life,
  Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
  Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
  I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
  O living Word.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
  To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
  By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
  All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
  My All-in-All.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, we thank Thee that we can call Thee our Father and that Thou art ever ready to hear the cry of the humble. We come to Thee as children; O give us a Father's blessing. We have this day often wandered from Thee and our sins are many; but great is thy mercy. O may thy goodness lead us to repentance and to greater devotion to Thee.

O God, the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. We have sinned against Thee. We have broken thy law which is holy and just and good. We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. Enter not into judgment with us, O Lord, but look upon us mercifully in Christ, in whom Thou hast declared Thyself to be ever well pleased. For the sake of his holy life, his precious death and burial and his glorious resurrection and ascension, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, thy fatherly hand has brought us in safety through another day, and we thank Thee for all thy goodness. Thou hast anointed our heads with the oil of thy favor and our cup runneth over with thy mercies.

O Lord, be Thou gracious to those who have not these many blessings. Visit with thy compassion the homeless, the fatherless and the afflicted. Wipe away the tears of those that mourn. Pity the ignorant and those that are out of the way. Restore wanderers to thy fold. Give the light of thy gospel to those who sit in darkness in all the world, and establish thy Church more fully in our own land.

O Lord, who hast caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in Jesus Christ.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works do proceed, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments and also that we being defended from the fear of our enemies may by thy protection pass our time in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory, for ever and ever.

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if Thou be near;
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from thy servant's eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
Forever on my Saviour's breast.

Abide with me from morn to eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.

Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
Till in the ocean of thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Lord, who art God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath and in whose hand our breath is and whose are all our ways, look down from heaven, thy holy habitation, and bless us; for thine eye is upon those that fear Thee, upon those that hope in thy mercy, to deliver their soul from death and to quicken them in Christ Jesus.

Almighty God, who givest power to the faint and strength to them that have no might, look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on our low estate and cause thy grace to triumph in our weakness, that we may arise and follow in the way of righteousness those who by their faith and patience already inherit the promises.

We lay all our sins upon Thee, O Saviour, Thou Lamb of God; be pleased to blot them out with thy most precious blood and keep us this day without sin.

O God, who knowest our frame and rememberest that we are dust, make us to know our end and the measure of our days, that we may know how frail we are. Teach us to number our

days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Teach us to do thy will, for Thou art our God. Quicken us, O Lord, for thy name's sake, that in all holy conversation and godliness we may pass the time of our sojourning here in fear, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

O God, with whom are the spirits of just men made perfect, we give Thee thanks that thy Son, Jesus Christ, hath brought life and incorruption to light, and that because He lives we shall live also. Grant, we beseech Thee, that when He who is the resurrection and the life shall appear we may appear with Him in glory; and to this end seal us with thy Spirit, who is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of thy glory.

Be pleased, O Lord, to strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in our inner man, that we may adorn the doctrine of God in all things, walking as heirs of the grace of life and having our conversation in heaven, whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; and so perfect us in all thy will that we may be made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Our hope is in Thee, O Lord, who hast made heaven and earth. We therefore pray that amid all the chances and changes of our earthly life we may ever be defended and preserved by thy gracious help; and we will evermore praise Thee for the power of thy grace by which we have been kept through faith unto salvation.

Our Father, etc.

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
  Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
  It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
  His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
  And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
  The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
  The next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh,
  A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
  Shall reign eternally.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our Lord, who art from everlasting to everlasting, we praise Thee with our whole heart and we magnify thy name forever. Our soul waiteth only upon Thee, for our expectation is from Thee. O prepare mercy and truth which may preserve us; so will we sing praise unto thy name forever and pay our vows unto Thee, the Most High.

Our heavenly Father, who feedest the fowls of the air and clothest the grass of the field, we thank Thee and praise thy glorious name that Thou hast this day filled us with the blessings of thy goodness, so that our cup runneth over. O God, who orderest all things after the counsel of thine own will, be pleased to choose for us the lot of our inheritance, and let goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life.

Most merciful Father, who hast given us thy Son to be an offering for our sins and in whom it hath pleased Thee that all fulness should dwell, bless us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places; and grant that Christ may so dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and

grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height and to know the love of Christ, that being filled unto thy fulness we may abound in the fruits of righteousness unto thy glory and praise.

Help us not only rightly to hear thy truth but also diligently to search the Scriptures for ourselves. May thy word ever be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Order our steps thereby. May its counsels guide us and its promises cheer us at all times.

Almighty God, who dost forgive the sins of those who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts, so that worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Give us grace, O Lord, to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Let it please Thee, O Lord, to bless the house of thy servants, and it shall be blessed; and grant that our name may remain before Thee

forever. Be Thou gracious unto our kinsmen according to the flesh and grant them also thy blessing.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O God of our salvation, attend unto our cry and give ear unto our prayer. Fulfil unto us thy gracious promise, that asking in the name of Jesus Christ we shall surely receive. Hear, O Lord, and answer in mercy, for we come in his name who hath taught us to say:

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O God, our God, early will we seek Thee. Thy mercies are new unto us every morning and call for new expressions of gratitude to Thee, the giver of all good. For the rest of the night, for the light of another day and for the comforts which now surround us we praise Thee, O Lord our God. Help us to feel more deeply that we owe our life and our all to thy fatherly love and care.

We return unto Thee this morning as children to a parent. O give us the spirit of adoption whereby we may call Thee Abba, Father; and loving Thee, who hast first loved us, may we have grace to dedicate ourselves this day anew to thy blessed service, in body and in soul.

O holy Saviour, who hast redeemed and delivered us from all our sins, do Thou also renew us by the Holy Ghost after thine own image, that so we may testify by our whole life our gratitude to God for his great love and mercy to us, that every one of us may be assured in himself of his faith by the fruits thereof, and that by our godly living others may be gained unto Christ.

Grant us grace, O Lord, to flee from all temptation that may this day assail us and to overcome the power of sin in our hearts. May we rightly know Thee, the only true God, trust in Thee only, with humility and patience submit to Thee, expect all good things from Thee alone, love, fear and glorify Thee with our whole heart, that so we may be willing to renounce and forsake all creatures rather than commit the least thing against thy holy will.

Give us, we pray Thee, what is needful for us, and grace rightly to use our favors. Give us contented minds, and help us to regard with compassion the wants and sorrows of others.

O God, our Saviour, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, remember, we beseech Thee, the children of affliction and sorrow. Heal the sick, provide for the poor and befriend the forsaken. Be a helper to the helpless, a hope to the hopeless and the Saviour of all.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We now resign ourselves, most merciful Father, into thy hands for all coming time. Let thy mercy be upon us according as we hope in Thee. Guide us by thy counsel while we live

and afterwards receive us to thy heavenly glory, through infinite riches of grace in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Show pity, Lord, O Lord, forgive,
Let a repenting rebel live;
Are not thy mercies large and free,
May not a sinner trust in Thee?

O wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean;
Here on my heart the burden lies,
And past offences pain mine eyes.

My lips with shame my sins confess
Against thy law, against thy grace;
Lord, should thy judgments grow severe,
I am condemned, but Thou art clear.

Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope, still hov'ring round thy word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Most merciful God, accept the confession of our sins with our evening sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.

We acknowledge our unworthiness and the frailty and perverseness of our corrupt nature, through which we daily transgress thy just and holy laws. Do Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is our Advocate with Thee and the propitiation for all our sins. May our souls be washed from the defilements of this day in his most precious blood, that we may go to our rest comforted by thy grace and sanctified by thy Holy Spirit.

Kind and gracious Father, we give Thee unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies bestowed upon us from time to time, for our being, for our reason and for all our faculties of soul and body, for health, friends, food and raiment, and for all other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy tender mercy and compassion to us and to all mankind, in sending thine only Son into the world to redeem us from sin and eternal death and to make us heirs with Himself of everlasting glory.

We bless Thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the direction, assistance and comfort of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day. We beseech Thee to continue these blessings to us, and enable us to show forth our gratitude for them by sincere obedience to thy holy law and entire devotion to Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, take away from us all ignorance, hardness of heart and undue carefulness for the things of this life. Help us as a household to fear Thee, sincerely to seek thy glory and to put our whole trust in thy mercy.

Make us mindful that as we have now come to the end of another day, so the end of life is at hand; and as we know not the day nor the hour of our Master's coming, grant us grace always so to live that we may never be afraid to die, but that living or dying we may be thine.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Wearied with the labors and cares of the day we come to Thee for quiet and repose and new supplies of strength for drooping nature. Defend us from the terrors of the night, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness and from all manner of evil. Visit us with the favor which thou bearest unto thy chosen ones and cause us to rest safe in the arms of thy love. When Thou hast refreshed us, raise us up again in health and peace. Thus may all our days and nights be spent with Thee and in thy blessed service, till we awake in thy likeness and reign with Thee in everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Ascend thy throne, almighty King,
  And spread thy glories all abroad;
Let thine own arm salvation bring,
  And be Thou known the gracious God.

O let the kingdoms of the world
  Become the kingdoms of the Lord;
Let saints and angels praise thy name;
  Be Thou through heaven and earth adored.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O holy Father, whose nature is love and whose mercy is everlasting, who art full of compassion and gracious, plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon Thee, be merciful unto us who cry unto Thee daily. Give ear, O Lord, unto our prayer and attend to the voice of our supplications. So will we praise Thee with our whole heart and we will glorify thy name forevermore.

O God, who hast redeemed our soul from death and our life from destruction and hast compassed us about with songs of deliverance, we present unto Thee our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service; and, we beseech Thee, direct our hearts this day and evermore into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ, that we may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of Thee, our God.

Incline thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, and visit the darkness of our mind with the day-spring from on high, that at the second coming of thy Son to judge the world we may hasten with joy to meet Him.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, enter not into judgment with thy servants, we beseech Thee, but grant that we who are bowed down by the sense of our sins may be refreshed and lifted up with the joy of thy salvation.

To this end strengthen us, we pray Thee, with all might according to thy glorious power unto all patience and long-suffering and joyfulness. O help thy servants in all time of temptation and peril, and make us more than conquerors through Him that loved us, that being found faithful unto death we may finally receive the crown of life.

Look graciously upon the Church which Thou hast purchased with thine own blood. O send the rod of thy strength out of Zion, and let thy Son see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. Clothe thy priests with salvation and let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy, for with favor wilt Thou compass them as with a shield.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day, and let thy goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life.

Our prayer is before Thee, and our hope is in thy mercy. Do for us and for all men according to the greatness of thy power, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

Abide among us with thy grace,
  Lord Jesus, evermore;
Nor let us e'er to sin give place,
  Nor grieve Him we adore.

Abide among us with thy word,
  Redeemer whom we love;
Thy help and mercy here afford,
  And life with Thee above.

Abide with us to bless us still,
  O bounteous Lord of peace;
With grace and power our souls fulfil,
  Our faith and love increase.

Abide with us in faithful love,
  Our God and Saviour be;
Thy help at need, O let us prove,
  And keep us true to Thee.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O Lord God Almighty, whose name is exalted above all blessing and praise, we are not worthy to come before Thee, for we have greatly sinned. We have so much walked after our own devices and have done after the imagination of our own hearts; and we confess that it is an evil thing and bitter that we have forsaken Thee, the Lord our God, and have turned every one to his own way; but be merciful unto us, O God, be merciful unto us and forgive the iniquity of our sin. Heal our backsliding and receive us graciously. So will we praise Thee with joyful lips and glory in thy holy name. For Christ's sake comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Let the merit of his spotless sacrifice purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve Thee, the living God, and obtain forgiveness and redemption through Him.

Our heavenly Father, who hast preserved us in our going out and our coming in and who hast this day again given us our daily bread, we unite in songs of praise and thanksgiving unto

Thee for thy manifold mercies; and we beseech Thee to grant us grace that we may serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear, in all things adorning the doctrine of God, our Saviour. Quicken us according to thy word. Keep our feet from falling and our souls from death. Abundantly satisfy us with the fatness of thy house and make us drink of the river of thy pleasure; for with Thee is the fountain of life and in thy light we shall see light. Open Thou our eyes, that beholding wondrous things out of thy law we may ever keep thy statutes and have respect unto all thy commandments.

Bless thy people everywhere. Let the children of Zion be joyful in Thee their King, and and let the whole earth be filled with thy glory. Build up Jerusalem and gather the outcasts of Israel. Set up an ensign for the people and let thy word have free course in the hearts of men. Gather together thine elect from the four winds of heaven, and let the kingdoms of this world be given to Him who is Lord over all, that He may reign forever and ever.

God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause his face to shine upon us; so we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give Thee thanks

forever and will show forth thy praise to all generations.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with us always.

Our Father, etc.

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Nearer, my God to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee;
E'en though it be a cross
  That raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee.

Though, like a wanderer,
  The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
  My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, once more we are before Thee as a family, to bless Thee for thy care over us and for thy daily bounty toward us. We thank Thee for the mercies of the past night and for all thy goodness renewed unto us with the light of another day. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens!

We pray for thy care over us throughout this new day. We are as helpless by day as by night; O may thy angels continue to have charge over us, so bearing us up in their hands that we come to no hurt. Be Thou our light and our guide, that we may not walk in the darkness of our own ways but in thy ways of holiness and righteousness. Keep us from the evil that is in the world and bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, to the end that having served Thee acceptably in our day and generation we may at last be found meet for the inheritance of thy saints in light.

Fit us, we beseech Thee, for all our duties. Support us in every trial of faith and patience

and strengthen us against our besetting sins. Give us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, that we may glorify Thee in a life of constant well-doing, giving ourselves wholly to thy service.

O God, who hast promised to give thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Thee, abundantly fulfil this promise in our hearts and lives, that in all things He may direct our goings to the praise of thy grace.

We bless Thee for thy word which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Help us to love and obey thy truth, that we may receive the blessing of those who walk in the law of the Lord.

We pray for thy blessing, O Lord, upon all thy churches. Give unto thy ministering servants everywhere power to preach thy word in its fulness and simplicity, and may thy truth enlighten and comfort all who hear it.

O Thou, who hast prepared thy throne in the heavens and whose kingdom ruleth over all, bless our nation and all the nations of the earth, that men everywhere may live in quietness and prosper in righteousness.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Most merciful Father, hear us yet in behalf of all who are near and dear to us. Grant that they and we walking humbly with Thee here may at last rest with Thee above.

O keep us ever in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the love of God and in the communion of the Holy Ghost, to whom be glory forever.

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
  Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
  And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
  On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
  And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
  We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
  And crown Him Lord of all.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O Lord God, who hast brought us in safety to the close of another day and of another week, who hast watched over us and preserved us from evil, who hast given us our daily bread and manifold mercies, hear now our prayer and accept our evening sacrifice of praise. We thank Thee for the good way by which Thou hast led us. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits.

Pardon our many sins. We have come far short not only of thy holy law but also even of our own holy desires and intentions. Enter not into judgment with us, O most merciful Saviour, and deal not with us after our sins, but according to thy tender mercy. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin, for we acknowledge our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Have mercy upon us. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation and uphold us with thy free Spirit.

And now, O Lord, as we lie down at the close of another day, may the thought of our shortening pilgrimage make us more diligent in running our heavenly race.

Keep us in safety through the night and refresh us with peaceful rest, that we may enter upon another Lord's Day with new zeal for thy house. Laying aside the labors of the week make us able to lay aside also its cares and anxieties, so that hungering and thirsting after righteousness and full of earnest longings after Thee our passing days may bring us nearer to the perfect worship of the Church above.

Grant an especial blessing to thy ministering servants in their preparation for the services of the coming day. By thy Spirit guide them into all truth and fill their hearts with loving zeal for thy house and thy people. Give them heavenly light and wisdom in all their goings.

Bless our missionaries. Uphold them in difficulties, strengthen them in their labors and let them see much precious fruit of their toil.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, in the spirit of adoption we call Thee our Father. Thou art worthy of all praise, and all thy saints bless Thee. And now, rejoicing in hope of rest for body and soul, we pray also for strength to live and labor in newness of life until at length we shall see Thee in thy glory.

Our Father, etc.

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Jesus, lover of my soul,
  Let me to thy bosom fly
While the billows near me roll,
  While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
  Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
  O, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none;
  Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
  Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
  All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
  With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
  More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
  Heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
  I am all unrighteousness;
Vile and full of sin I am,
  Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
  Grace to pardon all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
  Make and keep me pure within;
Thou of life the fountain art,
  Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
  Rise to all eternity.

Fifth Week.

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P. M.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SUNDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, merciful Father, hear our prayer as we approach Thee on the morning of this thine own holy day. O let thy blessing be upon us through its joyful hours. Turn our thoughts from the things of earth, that we may fix them upon Thee. Dwell Thou in our hearts and help us to rejoice in Thee, the Lord, our God. Prepare us for all the sacred services in which we are about to engage, and so fit us for the blessed work of prayer and praise that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may be acceptable in thy sight.

O Thou, who hast promised to meet thy people in the courts of thy house and to commune with them, pour out upon us the spirit of true and earnest devotion. Help us to hear thy word with a humble and believing heart, making us wise unto everlasting life.

Bless all thy people who gather to-day in thy house. Help them to worship toward thy holy hill acceptably. Be Thou very nigh also unto those who cannot go to thy house. Comfort and bless them in the quiet of their homes, O Thou who lovest the dwellings of Jacob.

Bless thy ministering servants. Teach them by thy Holy Spirit, that they may be able to teach others also. Bless especially our pastor, and make his words powerful to the upbuilding of thy people and in calling the world to Thee. Strengthen his heart and prosper Thou the work of his hands.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We now commit ourselves to thy care, O Lord, for this day. Grant us thy blessing, not according to our worthiness but according to the abundant riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

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At the Lamb's high feast we sing,
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide,
Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine,
Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Almighty and most merciful God, at the close of this day of rest we once more offer Thee our united praise and prayer.

We thank Thee for what our eyes have this day seen and our ears have heard and our hearts have felt of thy mercy and grace, in the services of thy house and in the quiet of our home. With thy worshiping people we have ascended into the hill of the Lord and we have stood in his holy place; O grant unto us now the blessing of the Lord and righteousness from the God of our salvation. Graciously shine into our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ, in whom we come before Thee.

We thank Thee for rest from our labors, for fellowship with thy people and for communion with Thee. Help our infirmities and make us joyful in our God.

Forgive all that has been imperfect in our worship this day. Through thy word help us to grow strong in truth and in goodness.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O God, merciful Father, vouchsafe unto us, we humbly beseech Thee, the continual help of thy grace, that we may acknowledge and confess thine incarnate Son as our true and only Lord and Saviour, and that receiving Him with child-like faith we may ever feed on his precious body and blood as the true meat and drink of our souls unto everlasting life.

Our Father, etc.

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S. M.

Ye saints, proclaim abroad
  The honors of your King;
To Jesus, your incarnate God,
  Your songs of praises sing.

Not angels round the throne
  Of majesty above
Are half so much obliged as we,
  To our Immanuel's love.

May we with angels vie
  The Saviour to adore;
Our debts are greater far than theirs,
  O be our praises more.

MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, who dost ever watch over Israel, we lift our hearts and voices in praise for the blessings of the night. While many had no shelter, we laid ourselves down in comfort; and while many passed the night in suffering, Thou gavest us refreshing sleep. For all these things we thank Thee, Lord God of grace and goodness.

O God, strong to deliver and mighty to save, who hast been the refuge and dwelling-place of thy people in all generations, perfect and fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of thy converting grace and be pleased to confirm us in every good purpose and deed, that having been called into the way of righteousness we may have power to continue steadfastly in the same until the day of Jesus Christ.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Hear now our prayer, O Lord of our life. We ask these things because Thou art our Father, who art both able and willing to grant what is

best for us and who will also graciously answer our prayers, for the sake of Him who taught us to say:

Our Father, etc.

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Holy Spirit, faithful guide,
  Ever near the Christian's side,
Gently lead us by the hand,
  Pilgrims in a desert land;
Weary souls fore'er rejoice,
  While they hear that sweetest voice,
Whisp'ring softly, wand'rer, come,
  Follow Me, I'll guide thee home.

Ever present, truest friend,
  Ever near thine aid to lend,
Leave us not to doubt and fear,
  Groping on in darkness drear.
When the storms are raging sore,
  Hearts grow faint and hopes give o'er,
Whisp'ring softly, wand'rer, come,
  Follow Me, I'll guide thee home.

MONDAY EVENING.

Our Father in heaven, we thank Thee for thy watchful care over us during this day and for all the good things which Thou hast permitted us to enjoy.

Forgive the sins by which we have grieved Thee. Bless the work of our hands, yea the work of our hands establish Thou it. Lord, help us to be useful in our day, devoting ourselves unreservedly to thy holy service. Give us grace and wisdom to raise the fallen, to rescue the overcome and so to follow Him who went about doing good. Thus may we spend all our days and at last enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Be pleased to watch over us this night and to spread the wings of thy protection around our resting-place. Preserve us from sin and harm and from the malice of the spirits of darkness. Be Thou first and last in all our thoughts, and the guide and strength of all our actions. Help

us always to lead just and holy lives; and when we die receive us into thy hands, O Saviour, that we may behold thy face and sing praise to Thee forever.

Our Father, etc.

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7s.

Gracious Spirit, Love divine,
Let thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me full of heaven and love.

Speak thy pardoning grace to me,
Set the burdened sinner free,
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in his precious blood.

Life and peace to me impart,
Seal salvation on my heart;
Breathe thyself into my breast,
Earnest of immortal rest.

Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way,
Fill my soul with joy divine,
Keep me, Lord, forever thine.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we approach the throne of grace this morning with reverence and holy fear, begging of Thee mercy and peace, pardon and salvation. We are poor sinners, but sorrowful and repenting. Thou art holy and justly offended with us, but yet Thou art our gracious Lord and merciful Father in Christ Jesus. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to blot out our sins from thy remembrance and to heal our souls, that we may no more sin against Thee. Open our eyes that we may see and amend our infirmities and follies, and give us perfect understanding in the way of godliness, that we may walk in it all the days of our pilgrimage.

Give us a spirit diligent in the works of our calling, cheerful and zealous in religion, fervent and frequent in prayer, charitable and useful in conversation. Give us a healthful and a chaste body, a pure and a holy soul, a sanctified and a humble spirit, and preserve our body, soul and spirit blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, we now commit ourselves into thy hands. Receive us graciously and love us freely. Be with us when we lie down and when we rise up; be with us in sickness and in health; and in the hour of death, forsake us not, O Lord, but grant us a calm and peaceful departure out of this world and a triumphant entrance into thy heavenly kingdom.

And all the glory shall be given to Thee, the ever-living Redeemer, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit art alone worthy of all praise and glory, forever and ever.

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be:
Jesus, be Thou our glory now
And through eternity.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, who art our faithful Father in Jesus Christ, we beseech Thee for his sake to hear our prayers and to accept our thanksgiving.

We confess our sins with hearty repentance and true faith, praying for full forgiveness; and do Thou also confirm and strengthen us by thy grace and bring us at length to everlasting life.

Enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel, graft in our hearts a love of the truth, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

And now, most gracious Father, who hast so often delivered our eyes from tears, our feet from falling and our souls from death, take us, we entreat Thee, under thy watchful care this night. Guard us from all evil and harm, and bring us to the light and prepare us for the

duties of the coming day, and we will praise Thee, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

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C. P. M.

O love divine, how sweet thou art!
When shall I find my willing heart
  All taken up by Thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
The greatness of redeeming love,
  The love of Christ to me.

God only knows the love of God;
O, that it now were shed abroad
  In this poor stony heart!
For love I sigh, for love I pine;
This only portion, Lord, be mine,
  Be mine this better part.

Only thy love do I require,
Nothing in earth below desire,
  But this in heaven above;
Let earth and heaven and all things go,
Give me thy only love to know,
  Impart to me thy love.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who art the giver of every blessing, who hast created us and preserved us, who hast satisfied all our wants and who now again hast brought us to the light of a new day, give us, we beseech Thee, thankful hearts for all our mercies and help us to show forth thy praise.

Guide us by thy counsel in all the duties and pleasures of this day. While our hearts devise our ways, do Thou mercifully direct our steps. Lacking wisdom, Lord, we come to Thee. We are ignorant and do easily err; be Thou our light and our guide. O help us and teach us.

O Lord, Thou light of the world, give light to those that sit in darkness, comfort to those that mourn, resignation to the bereaved, hope to the downcast, strength to the tempted and everlasting joy to all thy children.

Bless thy holy Church universal. Bless our own beloved Zion. Smile upon all her institutions of learning. Prosper all our missionary activities, and direct us in all our efforts to spread thy kingdom.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our fervent petitions, for we ask these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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S. M.

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
  The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer sav'd
  With his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God;
  Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
  And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
  For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
  Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
  I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
  Her hymns of love and praise.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Eternal God, by whose providence we are preserved and blessed, comforted and assisted, we heartily thank Thee for the many temporal and spiritual mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon us this day.

Remember not, Lord, our offences nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever. With all thy penitent people we cry unto Thee: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

We humbly worship Thee as the God of our fathers, who trusted in Thee and were not ashamed. May we ever seek our happiness and safety under the shadow of thy wings. Help us continually to adore Thee for what Thou art in Thyself, as revealed to us in thy works and in thy word. Especially do we bless Thee for what Thou hast become to us through Him in whom Thou hast displayed the exceeding riches of thy grace. May we ever be found in Him and may

He evermore dwell in us as our life and the hope of our future glory.

Help those who are in any affliction and may thy light arise in their darkness. We pray for those who watch by the sick and suffering, that they may have strength and comfort and be prepared for thy providential will. Help thy people in any distress to cast all their care upon Thee who carest for them and who hast so often lovingly said to thy saints, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, be Thou about our bed through the hours of darkness. Keep our bodies in safety and our souls in peace. May our last thoughts be of Thee and our first waking desires be toward Thee, while we ever say:

Our Father, etc.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who hast watched over us through the darkness of the night and shielded us from every danger, we bless Thee for the light of this new day and for all its temporal mercies; but above all do we thank Thee for spiritual gifts. O keep us thine forever and fill our hearts with the joy of grateful sonship.

We come to Thee this morning, our Father, for new mercies. Our wants are many; O deny us not. We are poor and needy; O send us not away empty. We come to Thee as the fountain of all good; O satisfy our manifold wants out of thine abundant fulness.

Carry on thy work of grace within us. Help us to be useful to our fellow men. Direct us in all our goings and show us what Thou wouldst have us to do.

Lord, we confess the evil that is within us; help us to turn from it more and more, and daily to yield ourselves to the enlightening and sanctifying power of thy Spirit. Lead us in the narrow path of life, that having named thy name

we may depart from all iniquity and walk in thy saving truth.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord, our God, look down from heaven and hear the prayer of thy servants, withholding no good from us or others, since we ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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S. M.

Behold, what wondrous grace
  The Father hath bestowed
On sinners of a mortal race,
  To call them sons of God!

Nor doth it yet appear
  How great we must be made;
But when we see our Saviour here,
  We shall be like our Head.

A hope so much divine
  May trials well endure,
May purge our souls from sense and sin,
  As Christ, the Lord, is pure.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O God, our creator and preserver, in whom alone is our help and who hast brought us to the close of another day, we confess our unworthiness, but we cry unto Thee daily and hope in thy mercy.

Lord, incline our hearts to keep thy commandments. Help us to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with Thee our God. Teach us, our Father, so to live that we may have comfort in life and in death. May our loins be always girded and our lamps burning, while in joyful hope we wait for the coming of our Lord.

Graciously remember those who are near of kin to us, be a very present help to all who are in any trouble, and have Thou mercy upon all men according to their many wants.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

We now commit ourselves to thy fatherly care for the night. In the midst of manifold dangers that beset us, mercifully protect us in our help-

lessness. Shelter us beneath the cover of thy wings, that we may rest in safety, free from the dread and fear of evil.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, granting us thy peace and lifting upon us the light of thy countenance, while we further pray:

Our Father, etc.

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C. M

O, for a heart to praise my God,
  A heart from sin set free,
A heart that's sprinkled with thy blood,
  So freely shed for me!

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
  My dear Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
  Where Jesus reigns alone!

A heart in every thought renewed,
  And full of love divine,
Perfect and right and pure and good,
  A copy, Lord, of thine!

FRIDAY MORNING.

O Lord, Thou fountain of all blessing, who hast mercifully given us the light of another day, the eyes of all wait upon Thee and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. Thou art good unto all and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

We thank Thee for all thy goodness toward us. We bless Thee for the spirit of adoption whereby we call Thee our Father. Grant us grace to walk worthy of our high calling, that in all things we may show forth the praises of our God. Make us holy for Thou art holy, and preserve us unto thy heavenly kingdom.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Saviour of sinners, be Thou our help in life, our hope in death and our portion forevermore. Guide us by thy counsel while we live and afterward receive us to thy glory, and we will praise Thee, the adorable Trinity, world without end.

Our Father, etc.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, to whom saints and angels do ascribe blessing and honor and glory and power, we give thanks at the remembrance of thy holiness and we magnify thy name forever. Thou art great and greatly to be praised. Every morning and every evening thy mercy is new unto us and thy faithfulness in the night-season. We bless Thee who givest us all things richly to enjoy and we offer Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

O Lord, who makest the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to rejoice, we commit ourselves now to thy care for the night. Help us to be anxious about nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we make our requests known unto Thee.

Show us thy way that we may know Thee; and when we walk in darkness and have no light, help us to trust in thy name and to stay ourselves upon Thee, who art the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, in behalf of all men. Save thy people and bless thine inheritance. Feed them also and lift them up forever. Heal the broken-hearted and save such as be of a contrite spirit.

Direct those in authority, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Now, Lord, let thy mercy be upon us even as we hope in Thee, delivering us from this present evil world and preserving us unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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S. M.

"Forever with the Lord!"
  Amen, so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
  'Tis immortality.

Here in the body pent,
  Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
  A day's march nearer home.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Lord God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, hear Thou our morning prayer and accept our humble praise. We laid us down and slept and have awaked, for Thou only makest us to dwell in safety and to be quiet from fear of evil.

Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name. For thy loving kindness we thank Thee, for thy tender mercy we bless Thee, O Lord God of grace and goodness.

As Thou hast given us the light of another day, we commit ourselves now to thy care with thankful hearts. Bless us as a family in things temporal and in things spiritual. Suffer no evil to come nigh our dwelling and may thy angels continue to have charge over us.

Strengthen us for the labors of the day and prosper that which we set our hand unto in thy name, and do Thou graciously accept us in person and in service, for our Redeemer's sake.

Lord, we humble ourselves before Thee, confessing our sins. Enter not into judgment with

thy servants but mercifully pardon our iniquity, for with Thee there is forgiveness and plenteous redemption.

Remember those who are dear to us. Comfort thy people and have mercy upon thine afflicted, yea upon all men.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that when our days on earth are ended we may be received into thy blissful presence, to dwell with Thee forever, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, etc.

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I lay my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all, and frees us
From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious,
Till not a stain remains.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O God, whose is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, we acknowledge that all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in thy hand is power and might, and in thy hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. We thank Thee, O God, and praise thy glorious name, for great and marvelous are thy works, Thou King of saints.

Be gracious unto thy servants, O God, and spare us according to the greatness of thy mercy in Christ Jesus. Grant us the blessedness of those that fear Thee, that it may be well with us and with our children after us. Take us into thy secret place, that we may abide under the shadow of thy wings. Help us so to live and labor that we may glorify Thee in body and spirit, which are thine.

O Thou that art ever nigh unto them that call upon Thee, hear our evening prayer. Give sleep to our eyes and slumber to our eyelids, and

grant that when we awake it may be to walk in the light of thy countenance.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Mercifully hear our prayer, and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Glory to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
To die, that this vile body may
Rise glorious at the awful day.

SUNDAY MORNING.

O Thou Lord of the Sabbath, graciously hear our prayers on this day of rest. As Thou hast blessed it and set it apart for our temporal and spiritual good, help us, we beseech Thee, to keep it holy unto Thee. Make it unto us all that Thou hast intended it to be, a day of holy rest, a day of instruction, a day of spiritual refreshment.

By thy Holy Spirit prepare our hearts to approach Thee in public worship as well as in private meditation and praise. Help us to lay aside all earthly cares, and do Thou by thy quickening grace raise our hopes and affections heavenward. Prepare our hearts to receive the seed of thy holy word, and give us grace to worship Thee with reverence and childlike faith.

O blessed Saviour, help thy ministering servants to declare all thy counsel this day, and make thy word powerful in every heart and in every home, to the saving of souls here and in heathen lands.

We would remember before Thee this day, O Lord, the many who are as sheep having no

shepherd, the many who have not Christian pastors and teachers, who have not places of public worship, yea the many who have not even Christian homes. Have mercy upon these helpless ones, and through thy people give to them the joys and the blessings of thy holy Church.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

O Lord our God, be with us throughout this day, that at its close we may be better prepared for the labors of the week before us, and thus at length also for the enjoyment of the eternal rest above. Hear us, we humbly pray Thee, for the sake of Him who is high in the glory of God the Father.

Our Father, etc.

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Glory be to God the Father,
  Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
  One in Three and Three in One;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
  While eternal ages run.

SUNDAY EVENING.

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee, the Father of an infinite majesty; thine adorable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray Thee help thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify Thee, and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Here may be offered any special prayer.

Our Father, etc.

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More love to Thee, O Christ,
  More love to Thee;
Hear Thou the prayer I make
  On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea,
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
  More love to Thee.

6s & 4s.

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
  Saviour divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O, let me from this day
  Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
  My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
  A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
  Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
  From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
  Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove,
O, bear me safe above,
  A ransomed soul.

Festival Prayers.

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6s 4s.

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise;
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend;
Come, and thy people bless,
And give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear;
In this glad hour,
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

The following prayers for the festivals of the church year are preceded by their respective Canticles, and are supposed to be made part of the family prayer. As almost every word of the Canticle is taken from the Scriptures, it may be read instead of a Scripture selection.

ADVENT CANTICLE.

Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice; let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the tops of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord and declare his praise among the heathen.

The Lord hath comforted his people; He hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Say to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with Him, and his work before Him. Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee.

Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it. Death shall be swallowed up in victory, and God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him and He will save us; this is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Sanctify and prepare yourselves to look upon the glory of our God, for the Lord cometh. Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make his paths straight. Let us serve Him with gladness and come before his presence with singing. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

ADVENT PRAYER.

Almighty God, who of old didst proclaim the coming of thy Son, enable us, we beseech Thee, to repent heartily and truly of all our sins, that we may be prepared to receive Him with gladness and to join in the cry: Hosanna to the Son

of David; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Grant us grace, Lord Jesus, to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear, in daily watchfulness and prayer, that when Thou shalt appear again in the clouds of heaven, with all thy holy angels, in the glory of thy power, we may be able with all saints to lift up our heads with joy, as we behold the fulness of our redemption drawing nigh.

Cleanse our conscience, we beseech Thee, almighty God, by the daily visitation of thy grace, that when thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, shall come He may find us fit for his appearing and ready to meet Him without spot, in the company of all his saints, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

CHRISTMAS CANTICLE.

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy; for unto you is born this day a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Lord hath remembered his covenant and sent salvation to his people. Israel is saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation.

This is the Lord's doing, and marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let the voice of rejoicing and salvation be heard in the tabernacles of the righteous.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will enter in and praise the Lord.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth. Let the multitudes of the isles be glad thereof. Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad.

He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with his truth.

Blessed be his glorious name forever and ever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, through whose grace we are permitted once more to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we approach into thy presence with holy joy, to praise and magnify thy great name for the unspeakable gift of thy Son.

Thou hast visited and redeemed thy people and raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of thy servant David, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, may serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Lord Jesus, Thou desire of all nations, Thou hope of Israel, the Redeemer of the world, we thank Thee for thy coming in the flesh to make us partakers of the divine nature. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the adoption of sons, according to the riches of thy grace, that we may finally come to thine everlasting kingdom, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory.

NEW YEAR CANTICLE.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God.

Thou in the beginning didst create the heaven and the earth, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Thou didst say, Let there be light in the firmament, and didst call forth sun, moon and stars, that they might be for signs and for seasons, for days and for years.

Lord, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him, or the son of man, that Thou makest account of him? Behold, Thou hast made our days as a handbreadth, and our age is as nothing before Thee. Verily, every man at his best estate is altogether vanity.

Lord, make us to know our end and the measure of our days, what it is, that we may know how frail we are, and walk in wisdom, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

We are strangers with Thee and sojourners, as all our fathers were; let thy statutes be our song in the house of our pilgrimage. O comfort

us all the days of this vain life, which we spend as a shadow, until our change come.

We give glory unto the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. We fall at the feet of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who lays his right hand upon us and says: Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death.

We shall live because Thou livest, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

NEW YEAR PRAYER.

Almighty God, we adore Thee as the eternal and unchangeable Jehovah, with whom one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea all of them shall wax old as doth a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them

and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same and thy years shall have no end.

Unchangeable art Thou also in thy promises and gracious dealings with the children of men. Though the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, thy kindness shall not depart from thy people, neither shall the covenant of thy peace be removed. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and his righteousness unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Most merciful God, who hast brought us to the beginning of a new year, let it please Thee to spare us to its close. Prepare us for all its labors and changes. Guide us with thy counsel through all our years, and then receive us to thine everlasting rest, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever.

GOOD FRIDAY CANTICLE.

Christ, our Passover, was offered for us on this day. He was delivered for our offences. He bore our sins in his own body on the tree, and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He hath trodden the wine-press alone, and

of the people there was none with Him. He was taken from prison and from judgment; He was cut off out of the land of the living.

Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. Thou hast loved us and washed us from our sins in thine own blood, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory, forever and ever.

Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ. Death shall be swallowed up in victory, and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER.

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, our blessed Redeemer, give us grace, we beseech Thee, worthily to celebrate on this day thine unfathomable love to a sinful and guilty world.

Thou wast wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement

of our peace was upon Thee, and with thy stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on Thee the iniquity of us all. Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation, and by one offering hast perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Therefore, with the ten thousand times ten thousand, and all the heavenly host of the redeemed, we would unite in saying: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. We bless Thee for all the burdens Thou hast borne, for all the tears Thou hast wept, for all the pains Thou hast suffered, for every drop of blood Thou hast shed, for every word of comfort Thou hast spoken on the cross, for every conflict with the powers of darkness, and for thine eternal victory over the terrors of death and the pains of hell.

Everlasting adoration and praise be unto Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in unity of essence, livest and reignest true God forevermore.

EASTER DAY CANTICLE.

Christ, our Passover, has risen. He was dead, and behold He is alive for evermore and hath the keys of hell and of death.

Christ, our Passover, was dead, a sacrifice for our sins. He was put to death in the flesh, but was quickened by the Spirit.

Christ is risen from the dead and henceforth dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. He died unto sin once, but now He liveth unto God; the Prince of life could not be holden of death.

God did not leave his soul in the grave, nor suffer his Holy One to see corruption.

Christ is risen, the first fruits of them that slept. Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

Death is swallowed up for ever. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

EASTER DAY PRAYER.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

Glory be unto Thee, O Thou Son of Man, Prince of life and first-begotten of the dead, who art alive forevermore.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. We fall down before Thee who wast crucified; we praise and glorify Thee who art risen from the dead. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We believe, O Lord, help Thou our unbelief. Fulfil in us, we beseech Thee, the work of faith with power, that being planted together in the likeness of thy death we may be also in the likeness of thy resurrection.

Now may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every

good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

ASCENSION DAY CANTICLE.

O clap your hands, all ye people. Shout unto God with the voice of triumph. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, He is the King of glory.

Sing praises to God and unto our King. Sing praises. For He is the King of all the earth. God reigneth over the heathen; He sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Let all the world bow down before Him, and all the angels of God worship Him.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness; therefore God, thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Thou hast ascended on high; Thou hast led captivity captive; Thou hast received gifts for

men. Thou hast entered into thy Father's house, to prepare a mansion for us. Thou hast prepared thy throne in the heavens, and thy kingdom ruleth over all.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

ASCENSION DAY PRAYER.

O Lord, almighty Father, we lift up our hearts unto the heavens, where our Saviour is, at thy right hand of majesty and power.

We call to remembrance this day that the Lord Jesus, thine only begotten, eternal Son, was taken up into heaven. Thou hast exalted Him. Thou hast given Him a name which is above every name, at the which every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to thy glory.

O Lord, comfort thy sorrowing people here below, that in all our tribulation we may continually ascend to Thee in acts of pious and holy devotion. And grant, Lord Jesus, that at thy most certain and glorious coming at the last day we may have part in the resurrection of the just, and that we may then come to Mount Zion, the

city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to the Church of the first-born, to the spirits of the just made perfect, to Thee, the only Mediator of the new covenant, and to God, thy Father and our Father, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be thanksgiving, blessing, praise and honor, now and forevermore.

WHITSUNDAY CANTICLE.

Let us praise the Lord and exalt his goodness. Let us come before Him with songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving.

God hath raised up his holy child, Jesus, who being by his right hand exalted shed forth the promise of the Holy Ghost upon the apostles, so that they spake with new tongues and wrought signs and wonders in his name.

He gave power to the testimony of his servants. The kingdoms of the earth, the people and nations, have heard his voice, and have rendered obedience unto our Lord and to his Christ.

We render thanks unto Thee, O Lord, who art the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, that Thou hast revealed thy power and entered upon thy kingdom.

Thou hast sent unto us the Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with us forever. Thou hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts, whereby we cry unto Thee, Abba, Father. It is the Spirit which witnesseth with our spirits that we are the children of God.

The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, and with groanings which cannot be uttered maketh intercession for us.

We wait for the redemption of our body, and for the manifestation of the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

The Spirit is the earnest and pledge of our inheritance, whereby also we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

O Lord, we praise Thee and render Thee thanks that Thou hast given us the Spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

WHITSUNDAY PRAYER.

We bless and adore Thee, O Lord God, our Father, that Thou hast visited thy people with salvation. Behold, the Spirit of promise has come unto us.

Blessed be thy name, O God the Son, our Saviour. Thou hast revealed and glorified the Father.

With devout gratitude and great joy we celebrate thy glorious advent, O Holy Ghost, whom we worship with the Father and the Son, one in essence and in honor, very God of very God, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the gospel by sending down thy Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the home of his continual presence and power among men, mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh and sanctify our dying souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, be honor and glory, world without end.

TRINITY SUNDAY CANTICLE.

NOTE.—The Canticle for Trinity Sunday, known as the Te Deum, differs from the other Canticles in this, that it is much older, being from the fourth or fifth century, is not taken so literally from the Scriptures and is itself a prayer. Therefore on Trinity Sunday read I John 5:1-12, or Rev. 4:1-11, and as a prayer use the collect and Canticle as follows:

THE COLLECT.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

THE TE DEUM.

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martrys praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee, the Father of an infinite majesty; thine adorable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ; Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thy heritage; govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify Thee, and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us; O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Or instead of the Te Deum use the following:

TRINITY SUNDAY PRAYER.

O God, the great God, the only true and living God from everlasting, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Three in One and One in Three, glory and praise and worship in the highest be unto Thee, Thou holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty.

Thou didst create us; we praise Thee. Thou hast redeemed us; we give thanks unto Thee. Thou dost sanctify us; we glorify Thee. Thou art our God, our portion and our joy. With all the heavenly hosts that surround thy throne, we worship Thee; and with all thy saints on earth we unite in giving glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

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L. M.

Thee we adore, eternal Lord,
We praise thy name with one accord;
Thy saints, who here thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.

To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heavens and all the powers on high;
Thee, holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.

The apostles join the glorious throng;
The prophets swell the immortal song;
The martyr's noble army raise
Eternal anthems to thy praise.

From day to day, O Lord, do we
Highly exalt and honor Thee;
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, we humbly pray,
To keep us safe from sin this day;
Have mercy, Lord, we trust in Thee,
O let us ne'er confounded be!

Special Prayers.

L. M.

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
  O Lamb of God, I come—I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
  O Lamb of God, I come—I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
  O Lamb of God, I come—I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in Thee to find,
  O Lamb of God, I come—I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
  O Lamb of God, I come—I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
  O Lamb of God, I come—I come.

A CONFESSION OF SIN.

To Be Used Before the Lord's Supper.

I.

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed. We have broken thy holy laws. We have come short of thy righteousness and glory in all our ways. Our lives bear testimony against us and our own hearts condemn us, as being prone to all evil and backward to all good. We have abused thy mercies and made light of thy judgments. We have turned aside from thy covenant, and have not been faithful and diligent, as we ought to have been, in using the helps of thy grace for our eternal salvation. We acknowledge and bewail before Thee the corruption of our nature, the vanity of our minds, the waywardness of our hearts, the wanderings and apostasies of our whole fallen life.

Righteousness belongeth unto Thee, O Lord, and unto us only confusion of face; but unto Thee, O Lord our God, belong also mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Look upon us, therefore, O righteous and holy Father, with an eye of pity and compassion, as we now humble ourselves with sincere confession before the throne of thy heavenly grace; and for the sake of thy Son, Jesus Christ, whose blood cleanseth from all sin and in whom Thou hast declared Thyself to be ever well pleased, speak pardon and peace to our souls.

Let thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, according as we hope in Thee; and with the full pardon of our past sins be pleased also to quicken us, we beseech Thee, in the way of righteousness and uphold us with thy free Spirit, that we may walk worthy henceforth of the vocation wherewith we are called and ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

II.

O Lord God, most holy, we have sinned, we have sinned, we have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, in word and in deed, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. The remembrance of our transgressions and shortcomings fills us with sorrow and shame. Yet now, O most merciful Father, have mercy upon us, and for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive all our sins. Purify us by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; enable us heartily to forgive others, as we beseech Thee to forgive us; and grant that we may hereafter serve Thee in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
  Which before the cross I spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
  From the sinner's dying friend.

Here I'll sit, forever viewing
  Mercy's streams in streams of blood;
Precious drops my soul bedewing,
  Plead and claim my peace with God.

PRAYERS.

To Be Used Before the Lord's Supper.

I.

Most merciful God, who dost this day permit us to come to thy table, we beseech Thee now to verify and fulfil in us the truth of this glorious covenant unto the end, that as we have been introduced into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and made to have part in its privileges and hopes, we may be constantly kept in the same by the power of the Holy Ghost, through faith, unto everlasting life. Fortify us against the assaults of sin and hell. Let not Satan prevail against us. Keep us from the evil that is in the world. Help us to walk in the Spirit, that we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Defend us from all heresy and schism, from all apostasy and unbelief. Let us never draw back to perdition. Make us faithful unto death, that no man may take from us our crown. And grant, O most merciful Father, that having continued thus steadfast in faith and hope to the end, we may be counted worthy to be joined with thy saints in heaven and to have part with them finally in the resurrection of the dead, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

II.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast shown thy love in giving thy Son to die for our sins and who hast reconciled us unto Thyself by his death, we thank Thee for redemption through his blood.

Help us, we beseech Thee, rightly to come this day to thy table. Grant that the cup of blessing may be to us the communion of the blood of Christ, and that the broken bread may be to us the communion of the body of Christ.

Fill us with joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. And unto Him that hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, be glory forever.

III.

O Lord Jesus, Thou bread of life, who art the only satisfying portion of the souls which Thou hast made, we thank Thee for this day of special privilege.

Bring us into thy banqueting house and let thy banner over us be love. Give us the blessing of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Lord, we hunger; feed us with heavenly manna. Lord, we thirst; give us living water.

Make us this day partakers of the body and blood of Christ, whereby our souls may be nourished unto everlasting life. And thine shall be the praise forever.

THANKSGIVINGS.

To Be Used After the Lord's Supper.

I.

Almighty and everlasting God, we give Thee most hearty thanks for the great goodness Thou hast shown toward us this day in vouchsafing to feed us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, and heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most blessed death and passion. And we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end.

II.

Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gift of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the general assembly and Church of the first-born.

We thank Thee for the sacred things of this holy day. Nourish our souls unto everlasting life. Help us ever to bear about with us the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our daily living.

O God, who hast loved us and hast given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, grant us now thy blessing, that seeking for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life, we may finally come to thine everlasting kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

III.

O holy Saviour, who hast prepared a table for us in this wilderness, we thank Thee that Thou hast again refreshed our souls with heavenly food.

O Thou, who art Thyself the ever-living bread, feed us that we may hunger no more neither thirst any more, and graciously refresh us that we faint not. Confirm us in faith and hope unto everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AN OPENING PRAYER.

For a Consistory or a Joint Consistory.

I.

Almighty God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the first Synod of the apostles and elders at Jerusalem, and hast promised to be with thy Church alway, grant unto us thy servants here assembled thy gracious presence and blessing. Deliver us from all error, pride and prejudice. Enlighten us with wisdom from above. Fill our hearts with the spirit of unity and peace; and so order and govern us in all our doings that thy name may be glorified in the coming of thy kingdom. These things we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ.

II.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast not only made us thy children in Jesus Christ, but that Thou hast also called us to minister in holy things among men. While we thank Thee for our own salvation, we bless Thee that Thou hast also highly honored us in making us co-workers with Thee in saving the world, as office-bearers in thy Church.

We are here this day in thy name and in thy service, O Lord. Grant us, we beseech Thee, thy gracious presence and blessing. Help us in all our deliberations, direct all our counsels by thy Holy Spirit and accept us in person and in service, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A CLOSING PRAYER.

For a Consistory or a Joint Consistory.

Our heavenly Father, we come before Thee now in the name of thy dear Son.

We lay before Thee our labors and plans. O Lord, prosper what is good and mercifully forgive what is amiss. Ever grant us that wisdom which cometh from above, and strengthen our hands for thy great and abiding work. Bless our people in their manifold interests, and let grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

O Thou God of peace, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in us that

which is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, our Lord.

Our Father, etc.

OPENING PRAYER.

For a Missionary Meeting.

Accept, O Lord, our earnest intercessions for all mankind. Cause thy glorious gospel to be proclaimed among all nations. Bless thy Church, purchased with thine own most precious blood. Clothe her ministers with salvation, and arm them with power to declare the whole counsel of God. Encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of thy people in every place. Bless our missionaries and their families. Cheer them in their discouragements and help them in every need. Give them courage and joy in their work and bless all their ministrations. So may thy kingdom come and thy name be glorified, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CLOSING PRAYER.

For a Missionary Meeting.

O God of grace in Jesus Christ, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and hast translated us into the kingdom of thy dear Son, help us to devote ourselves more and more in time and talent, in prayers and offerings, to the great work of preaching the gospel to every creature.

Bless all Missionary Societies and Boards, all institutions and persons engaged in the holy work of missions. Direct and sustain all missionaries, and crown their work with thy heavenly blessing.

Hear and graciously answer these our prayers for the sake of Him who hath taught us to say:

Our Father, etc.

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L. M.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

OPENING PRAYERS.

For any Young People's Meeting.

I.

Our heavenly Father, who in Christ Jesus hast made us members of his mystical body and also of one another in the blessed communion of all thy saints, and hast richly endowed us with manifold gifts and graces, powerfully dispose our hearts, we beseech Thee, to use all our talents and possessions in ministering to the bodies and souls of men, according to their various wants.

Bless all our services and prosper all our activities in bringing men into thy kingdom and in strengthening thy saints, and accept us in person and in service for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

II.

Gracious Father, we come before Thee in our weakness, praying for strength.

Direct us in all our efforts to worship and serve Thee. Help us to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

And so lead us by thy good Spirit in safety through the labors and cares, the dangers and trials of life that we may at last reach the rest prepared for those who love and fear Thee, the triune God, to whom be glory forever.

CLOSING PRAYERS.

For any Young People's Meeting.

I.

Lord Jesus, we thank Thee for this service. Make it a blessing to all hearts.

While we search the Scriptures, O Lord, be Thou our teacher. Make thy word precious to our souls and establish us in thy truth. Help us to love and obey thy word, that we may receive the blessing of those who walk in the law of the Lord.

May thy counsels guide us and thy presence cheer us through all our journey.

We ask all in the name of Him who has taught us to say:

Our Father, etc.

II.

Most merciful God, hear our evening prayer.

As Thou hast taught us call Thee our Father, not only give us the spirit of adoption, we beseech Thee, but also help us daily to give Thee the love and obedience of true children.

In thy mercy forgive our sins and enable us by thy grace to amend our lives according to thy word.

Help us to be useful in our day and according to our opportunity, each one faithfully fulfilling his office as prophet, priest and king in thy Church, that at last we may hear thy gracious words, Well done, good and faithful servant.

Our Father, etc.

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C. M.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
  And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one,
  And there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear,
  Till death shall set me free,
And then go home my crown to wear,
  For there's a crown for me.

TABLE PRAYERS.

I.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand and satisfiest all our wants. For this we thank Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

II.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Thou art the giver of all good. Continue thy mercy toward us and toward all thy needy ones, for our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

III.

Sanctify, O Lord, these thy good gifts to our use and us to thy service, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

IV.

Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for our daily bread. Bless it to our use and strengthen us for thy holy service, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

V.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom come all our merices, we look to Thee for thy blessing upon our daily bread. Nourish our souls with heavenly food, for our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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Jesus, I live to Thee,
  The loveliest and best;
My life in Thee, thy life in me,
  In thy blest love I rest.

Jesus, I die to Thee,
  Whenever death shall come;
To die in Thee is life to me,
  In my eternal home.

Whether to live or die,
  I know not which is best;
To live in Thee is bliss to me,
  To die is endless rest.

Living or dying, Lord,
  I ask but to be thine;
My life in Thee, thy life in me
  Makes heaven forever mine.

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